2020 U.S. Grant Information Session
What is the Ulysses S. Grant Foundation?

Since 1953, the U.S. Grant Foundation has provided exceptional summer academic enrichment programs for New Haven Public Schools middle school students. The program pays nine Yale undergraduates to teach creative, self-developed courses to local middle schoolers in order to expand their academic horizons beyond the classroom and experience a wide variety of topics and interests.
Teachers should...

- Have a strong commitment to progressive, activity-based education for middle school students, both in theory and practice.
- Be excited to hone their teaching, communication, and development skills.
- Be dedicated to serving New Haven students and understanding the unique opportunities and challenges of education in an urban setting.
- Thrive in team settings: being able to brainstorm and execute ideas, and both give and take constructive feedback.
Previous Courses

Core Classes
● From Chants to Chance: The Fundamentals of Music
● Climate Changers: Community Building Through Sustainability
● Race and Identity through the Arts
● Welcome to the Good Life: the Philosophy of Living
● Perspectives on Mental Illness
● Thinking and Writing about Selfhood

Electives
● Fake It ‘Till You Make It: Improvisation in the Arts
● Fresh Water: Nature’s Circulatory System
● From the Beatles to Beyoncé: Pop Music and Its Politics
● Real Versus Fake News: The Battle For Truth
● Roquette Power: The Science of Fueling the Body
● Teen Zines: Independent Publishing in the Digital Age

There is a lot of support in helping create and design courses that you want to teach (New Haven teachers/mentors, trainings, weekly seminars, and your fellow teachers!)
(Some) Teacher Reflections

- Develop deep friendships with fellow teachers
- Learn how to think quickly and become flexible; challenging work, but rewarding
- The best part is working with excited and talented kids!!
  - Even outside of the classroom (i.e. Purdy Time, field trips, lunches, other activities)
- The program is deeply committed to helping teachers grow in their work
  - (Mentorships with New Haven teachers, weekly dinners with Professor Intrator over the summer, NYC school observations, and more!!)
Purdy Time!

Each afternoon, students and teachers participate in one hour of Purdy Time. During some afternoons, students enjoy performances by Yale and New Haven groups and visits by Yale professors. Other afternoons, students partake in themed activities designed by teachers.

For example, one Purdy Time last year involved a Who Did It? Murder Mystery. Other Purdy Times included a World Cup-themed color wars, capture the flag, Jackson pollock style painting, and Ultimate Frisbee.
Sample Teacher Schedule

After school and on the weekends, teachers have the freedom to do whatever they want, in and out of New Haven!

Daily Class Schedule

8:30–9:00 Student Arrival
9:00–9:05 Morning Meeting
9:05–10:20 Humanities Course
10:25–11:40 Investigations Course (STEM)
11:40–12:20 Lunch (Provided for students)
12:20 Dismissal for electives
12:30–1:45 Electives
1:45–2:45 Purdy time
2:45–3:00 Shout-outs
3:00–3:30 Pick up
Program Details

- Program dates: June 29th-August 7th
- Pay: $3400 for the summer
- Housing cost: $600-1000 (TBD)

**Housing Information**
All nine teachers live together for the Summer!

By living together, teachers can get to know each other more informally, develop lasting friendships, and lean on each other while embarking on an education adventure (for example, family dinners and even Bachelor nights...).
Application, Important Dates, and Training

**Application Due**

Saturday, February 1st at 11:59 pm
Email us if there’s a conflict!

**Interview**

February 8th or 9th, TBA

**Spring Training**

Weekend days; TBA (will take place after spring break)

**New York City Observation**

TBA (1st week after school ends); will be paid for by the program

**Summer Training**

Must be in New Haven by Saturday, June 20th

**Weekly Professional Trainings with Smith Professor, Sam Intrator**

Over the summer
Questions?
Apply Now!

If you have any further questions, please email us at usgrantdirectors@gmail.com!

Link to Application:
https://forms.gle/own3gnfX8cbn8Eh29

Link to Website for More Information:
https://campuspress.yale.edu/usgrant/