



EMERGING LEADER FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY, 2021-2023

Elevating Youth Voice to Catalyze Systems Change



Host Organization:	National Network for Youth
Location:	Philadelphia, PA
Dates:	September 1, 2021 – August 31, 2023
Salary:	\$60,000 / year, plus benefits

Stoneleigh Emerging Leader Fellowship

The [Stoneleigh Emerging Leader Fellowship](#) is a two-year, full-time, hands-on position for early career professionals. Fellows work collaboratively with a host organization and the [Stoneleigh Foundation](#) to execute a project that advances the missions of these organizations and enhances Fellows' professional skills and leadership development. Fellows are also supported by a cohort of peer Emerging Leaders who participate in Foundation programming.

The Project: *Elevating Youth Voice to Catalyze Systems Change*

In Philadelphia and across the country, housing instability among youth and young adults is a growing crisis, and agencies that serve these young people are struggling to meet their needs. Only with the expertise of young leaders with lived experiences of homelessness will we transform systems to be more equitable, youth-centered, and improve young people's life outcomes. Yet despite Philadelphia's robust youth advocacy community, more can be done to ensure that these young leaders are the critical drivers in figuring out solutions that work.

To address this challenge, the Fellow will work with the [National Network for Youth](#) and Philadelphia's advocacy and service provider communities to design and implement youth driven solutions that tackle youth homelessness. Specifically, the Fellow will:

- **Increase coordination among young people and service providers** focused on ending youth homelessness.
 - *Cultivate a network of youth and young adults* with lived experiences of homelessness in Philadelphia.
 - *Train youth and young adults* on policymaking, advocacy strategies, and storytelling tactics to drive systems change.
 - *Develop and lead a plan for systems transformation* drawing upon input from young people, providers, and other community stakeholders.
- **Support Philadelphia stakeholders to design and advance policy and practice improvements** to address youth homelessness.
 - *Facilitate problem-solving sessions* to help young people, providers, and other community stakeholders develop solutions to the challenge of youth homelessness.

- *Identify and document* best practices and innovative solutions.
- *Develop state and federal policy recommendations* that complement and strengthen Philadelphia’s local solutions.
- **Disseminate the findings** to help bring the youth partnership model to scale.
 - *Create tools and resources* to inform young people, youth service providers, and systems leaders about best practices and promising solutions.
 - *Support young people and service providers in sharing lessons and best practices* with other communities nationally.

Candidate Qualifications

Candidates should have completed a graduate degree between 2018 and 2021 or have an undergraduate degree with equivalent professional experience. Candidates with lived experience of homelessness or professional experience in the field of youth homelessness are encouraged to apply. Candidates with experience organizing and working with community and system stakeholders are strongly preferred.

We strongly encourage a diverse pool of candidates to apply, including women, people of color, people who identify as LGBTQ, people with disabilities, and people who have lived experienced of housing insecurity, and/or system involvement. We invite candidates to include in their cover letters a statement about how their backgrounds and experiences might contribute to their perspectives on and execution of the Project.

Application Process

Please submit the following materials to jobs@nn4youth.org by **December 20, 2020**. Application materials will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Please contact National Network for Youth’s director of community strategies, Andrew Palomo (andrew.palomo@nn4youth.org) with any questions.

- A resume or CV
- A work sample relevant to your experience (e.g. writing, artwork, poetry, video, podcast, vlog, etc.)
- Two written references preferred
- A cover letter articulating why you would like to participate in the Fellowship, how it will advance your professional goals, why this project interests you, and what prior experience and training you bring that prepares you to lead this Fellowship project

Candidates chosen for an interview will be contacted directly by National Network for Youth. One final candidate will be recommended to and interviewed by the Stoneleigh Foundation in January 2021. In March, Stoneleigh staff will present recommended candidates and projects to its Board of Directors.

About National Network for Youth

The [National Network for Youth](http://NationalNetworkforYouth.org) is a public education and policy advocacy organization dedicated to the prevention and eradication of youth homelessness in America. As the largest and most diverse network of its kind, National Network for Youth mobilizes over 300 members and affiliates—organizations that work on the front lines every day to provide prevention services and respond to runaways and youth experiencing homelessness and human trafficking.