



Here are common Myths versus Facts for the Presidential Management Fellows (PMF) Program

## **MYTH**

PMFs only get hired in Washington, DC.

You have to be a Master of Public Administration (MPA) or Master of Public Policy (MPP) to become a PMF.

What school you go to matters for the application.

You have to be in graduate school to apply to the PMF Program.

PMFs come from a very limited number of schools, mostly on the East Coast.

As a Finalist, if you don't find an appointment within the first few months of your eligibility, you're unlikely to find one at all.

## **FACT**

PMFs are appointed across the country. From the Class of 2017 to 2019, PMFs were serving in 26 States.

PMFs have backgrounds in a wide variety of academic disciplines, from toxicology, to forestry, to human rights, to cybersecurity (and everything in between). There were 61 unique academic disciplines represented for 2020 Finalists.

What specific school you go to does not get factored into the determination of PMF Finalists whatsoever. Applicants from any and all accredited institutions are eligible to apply.

As long as you have obtained an advanced degree from an accredited institution no more than 2 years prior to the opening date of the application or will complete the advanced degree requirements by August 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year, you are eligible to apply.

PMFs come from schools across the globe. There were 125 academic institutions worldwide represented for 2020 Finalists.

Agencies hire PMFs year-round, and some of the most prominent hiring periods are often in the latter half of the Finalists' eligibility period.



The PMF Class of 2021 Application runs from 9/30/2020-10/14/2020, opening and closing at Noon (ET). Please check our website for the most up-to-date information at [www.pmf.gov](http://www.pmf.gov).

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