PMF Application Timeline

Become a PMF
To learn about the PMF Program (including the application process, application tips, assessment process, PMF Applicant Handbook, and FAQs) review the “Become a PMF” webpage at https://www.pmf.gov/become-a-pmf/overview.aspx

Confirm Eligibility
Confirm your eligibility (including degree date, citizenship, veterans’ preference, Indian preference, education outside of the U.S., and attorneys) by reviewing the “Become a PMF\Eligibility” webpage at https://www.pmf.gov/become-a-pmf/eligibility/

Assemble Documents
All Applicants must submit a resume and an advanced degree transcript, along with supporting documentation if claiming Indian/Veterans’ Preference or requesting a reasonable accommodation. More info at https://www.pmf.gov/become-a-pmf/application-process/application-tips/

Create an Applicant User Account
When the annual application opens, individuals will need to create an applicant user account. For guidance on system and browser requirements, contact information, and document types, review the “Application Process” webpage at https://www.pmf.gov/become-a-pmf/application-process/

Start Application
When the annual PMF application launches, it will be referenced on the PMF website at www.pmf.gov and advertised as an announcement at www.USAJOBS.gov. Read the announcement and the “Become a PMF” webpage thoroughly! Be sure to check for any updates.

Complete Online Assessment
The online assessment covers competencies that are critical to success on the job across all PMF occupations. Find more information at https://www.pmf.gov/become-a-pmf/assessment-process/

Certify and Submit Application
Applicants may only certify and submit one application. Applicants will be asked to certify they completed the application, including the online assessment, independently and without assistance. Applicants can monitor their application status via their applicant user account.

Adjudication
Shortly after the application closes, all Applicants will be adjudicated on eligibility, complete application, assessment scores, and other factors leading to the selection of Finalists. The time from the application closing to the announcement of Finalists can take approximately 4-6 weeks.

Announcement of Finalists
When Finalists are selected, all Applicants will be informed of their status and a list of Finalists posted to the PMF website (https://apply.pmf.gov/finalists.aspx) and Finalists should then visit https://www.pmf.gov/become-a-pmf/find-a-job/ for next steps.

Find an Appointment
From the date of selection, Finalists have 12 months to secure a PMF appointment. Finalists can search for appointment opportunities online. Once a Finalist accepts a PMF appointment offer and is recorded, their status changes to Fellow!