What is PMF?

The Presidential Management Fellows (PMF) Program is a prestigious two-year fellowship at a Federal agency.

Bearing the Presidential Seal, the Presidential Management Fellows (PMF) Program is the Federal Government’s premier leadership development program for advanced degree holders across all academic disciplines. The fellowship is full time, with full salary and benefits, training and development opportunities, and which, for Fellows who complete the program successfully, can ultimately lead to a career in government. It has gone through several changes over its 45-year history, but its essential mission remains the same:

To recruit and develop a cadre of future government leaders from all segments of society. The PMF Program creates a lasting bond among Fellows and Alumni, and instills a lasting spirit of public service.

PMF Program Mission

To recruit and develop tomorrow’s Federal Government leaders from all segments of society.

Want to learn more?

Visit:
www.pmf.gov

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(application inquiries)

Meet the Team:
www.pmf.gov/about-us/meet-the-team

“A call to lead, a call to serve.”

Graduate Students and Recent Grads: Are you an aspiring leader who wants to tackle the Nation’s most pressing challenges through public service?

“The cause of public service deserves a program like this one, and by bringing into our government young people with good skills, creativity, willing attitudes, and a commitment to serving the nation, it can continue to serve as a bright hope for the future.”

—President Jimmy Carter, in his letter to OPM celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the program
Who is eligible to apply?

Current or Recent Graduates
- Recent graduates: Students who have completed an advanced degree (e.g., Master's, Professional, or Doctorate) from a qualifying college or university during the two years prior to the launch of the PMF Program's annual application.

How to apply?
- Review the "Become a PMF" section on the PMF website at https://www.pmf.gov
- Prepare for the application by reviewing the "PMF Applicant Handbook" posted on the PMF website, which includes information about the assessment process.
- Upload resume, transcript, and any other supporting documentation. Follow the instructions in the announcement and application.
- Submit application.

*Finalists are selected and have 12 months to find a PMF appointment at a participating Federal agency. To see a list of participating agencies, visit: https://apply.pmf.gov/coordinators.aspx

What does the fellowship include?
- The two-year fellowship includes:
  * Challenging work assignments that have a broad impact on the American public.
  * Full-time salary and benefits paid by the appointing agency – Initial appointment at the GS-9, GS-11, or GS-12 levels (or equivalent).
  * Individual Development Plan that puts Fellows on leadership trajectory.
  * 160 hours of formal interactive training on functional/technical and leadership competencies, including the PMF Leadership Development Program.
  * At least one 4-6 month developmental assignment, and optional short-term rotations.
  * A mentor to support the Fellow in their journey/career path.
  * Upon completion, potential conversion to a permanent position.
  * The prestige that goes with being a PMF, which will follow you throughout your career.

Where do Fellows work?
- Over 100 Federal agencies
- 42 agencies and 122 sub-agencies
- 31 States

Since 2014
Since 2017