

# Presidential Management Fellows Program

## Background

Since 1977, the Presidential Management Fellows (PMF) program has attracted outstanding graduates from various academic disciplines who are committed to excellence in service, leadership, and management. This government-wide program is run by the Office of Personnel Management and fellows serve in many federal agencies across the Executive branch of government. CDC adopted the PMF program in 1988 and since then has recruited more than 300 exceptional masters, law, and doctoral degree graduates.

## PMF in Action

The PMF program is a distinguished and rewarding career experience that allows fellows to benefit from an effective skills-based curriculum that combines on-the-job training with classroom-based learning and mentorship.

The PMF program at CDC attracts more than 250 applicants annually from a variety of academic disciplines and consistently hires one of the largest cohorts of fellows at HHS. Through this two-year fellowship program, fellows gain:

- In-depth knowledge of CDC and its programs through challenging work assignments
- Interactive training in leadership, management, policy, and other topics
- Conversion to a permanent position at CDC at the end of the program
- Working knowledge of the federal government

In addition to work opportunities at CDC headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia, PMFs work in field assignments not only domestically but internationally.

## PMF Goal

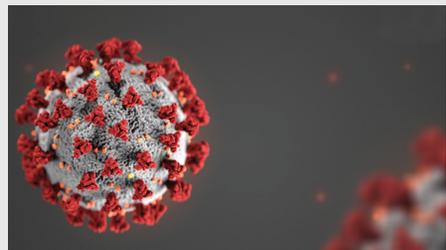
The goal of the PMF program is to attract outstanding graduates from different academic disciplines who are committed to excellence in leadership and management of public policies and programs.

## PMF Activities

PMF fellows produce important work to help advance public health. Fellows have made significant contributions to public health policy, program planning and evaluation, and strategic communications at CDC and across



*During CDC's Zika virus response, 10 of 35 PMFs supported the agency's activities either in the Emergency Operations Center or on location in Puerto Rico.*



*95% of our PMF Fellows assisted with 39 separate missions supporting the CDC COVID-19 Emergency Response effort.*

## Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be ready to graduate or be a recent graduate within two years of earning a master's, law, or doctoral degree from any academic discipline
- Display a strong interest in, and commitment to, a career in public health policy, leadership, and management

## How to Apply

The Office of Personnel Management facilitates the application process each year. Applicants should apply at <https://pmf.gov/>. The application period usually starts in the fall each year.

## For More Information

- To find out more about the **PMF program**, visit <http://www.pmf.gov>.
- To find out more about the **PMF program at CDC**, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/pmf>.

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Since 1988, CDC has recruited more than 300 PMFs. Approximately 87% have been permanently employed at CDC.

## Leadership Roles at CDC – PMF Alumni

Alumni have gone on to hold key positions at CDC:

- Chief of Staff
- Associate Directors of Policy
- National Center Deputy Directors
- Policy and Planning Officers
- Principal Management Officers
- Associate Directors for Program Operations