Presidential Management Fellows

Background
For over 30 years, the Presidential Management Fellows (PMF) program has attracted outstanding graduates from various academic disciplines who are committed to excellence in federal service, leadership, and management. This program is administered by the Office of Personnel Management. Since 1988, CDC has successfully recruited master’s, law, and doctoral degree students through the program.

PMF in Action
The PMF program is a distinguished and rewarding career experience that provides formal and informal opportunities for fellows. PMF positions are tailored to each fellow’s career goals, offering hands-on training and mentorship experiences. This 2-year program allows each fellow to gain:

• In-depth knowledge of CDC and its programs
• Essential leadership skills
• A targeted public health-related position at the program’s end
• Working knowledge of the federal government

CDC will assist the fellows by providing:

• Opportunities for extensive training
• Developmental assignments
• Valuable rotations within the government
• Activities in support of each fellow’s development plans

In addition to work opportunities at CDC in Atlanta, Georgia, former and current PMFs work in CDC field assignments in Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Colorado, Washington, D.C., and several international locations.

Eligibility
Applicants must meet the following criteria:

• Ready to graduate or 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
Applicants should review PMF program vacancy announcements at http://www.USAJOBS.gov. The application period usually starts in the fall each year.

Check us out online: http://www.cdc.gov/pmf or http://www.pmf.gov

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PMF’s goal 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
PMFs participate in a broad spectrum of public health projects. Recent PMF contributions include:

- Policy and Communication — Conceptualized, developed, and contributed to a weekly cancer newsletter to keep CDC staff abreast of current health policy issues, including relevant congressional hearings, and federal and state legislation
- International Service — Served as country officers for the CDC Global AIDS Program to support the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) in the Caribbean, and countries such as Brazil, Tanzania, and India
- Conference Planning — Participated in planning and executing national meetings for the Emerging Infections Program and other epidemiology and laboratory-related events.

What job classifications do PMFs hold at CDC?
2010 (N = 18)

- Policy Analyst 56%
- Management and Program Analysis 11%
- Health Communications Specialist 22%
- Public Health Analyst/Advisor 11%

Leadership Roles at CDC — PMF Alumni

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

Selected Publications


