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 brings the best and brightest into public service. It is a flagship leadership development program. 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. This two-year fellowship program allows fellows to 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

CDC will assist the fellows by:

- Working with a curriculum development committee of former PMF graduates and education subject matter experts to enhance the traditional PMF curriculum
- Placing them in valuable rotations and developmental assignments within the government
- Tracking PMF activities to ensure the curriculum meets their needs

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

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
PMFs 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 federal agencies.

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.

100% of CDC’s PMFs supported the agency’s Ebola Outbreak Response in 2014. Five were deployed to West Africa.
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
Applicants should review PMF program vacancy announcements at http://www.USAJOBS.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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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