
Presidential Management Fellows (PMF) Program—Nomination Request Form

Office of Graduate Fellowships and Awards Administration; 209 Kern Building, University Park, PA 16802; 814-865-2514; 814-863-1091 (fax)

The PMF Program is designed to attract to the federal service outstanding men and women from a variety of academic disciplines and career paths who have a clear interest in and commitment to excellence in the leadership and management of public policies and programs. The PMF Program, administered by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM), is the federal government's cornerstone succession planning program to help agencies meet their critical need for leadership continuity. More than 80 agencies currently partner with the PMF Program Office to hire fellows annually.

This rigorous two-year paid fellowship includes 160 hours of formal classroom training, challenging assignments, potential for accelerated promotions, developmental assignments, and networking opportunities. Finalists appointed as fellows are hired by federal agencies and engage in solving domestic and/or international issues in areas such as public administration, engineering, technology, science, criminal justice, health, and financial management, to name a few.

The PMF Program annually seeks eligible graduate students who want to make a difference through public service. For the PMF Class of 2010, students who complete a graduate degree (master's, law, or doctoral-level degree) during the 2009-2010 academic year (September 1, 2009 - August 31, 2010) from a qualifying college or university are eligible for consideration.

The selection process for the PMF Program consists of four parts:

1. **Application:** Takes place via USAJOBS (www.USAJOBS.gov) October 1-15. At the conclusion of online application submission, students receive a PMF Nomination Form to submit for review via their school's competitive nominating process.
2. **Nomination:** To be considered for nomination by Penn State, students must assemble the following items for review: the PMF Nomination Form obtained by completing the USAJOBS application process, Penn State's Presidential Management Fellows Program Nomination Request Form, graduate transcript, resume or curriculum vitae, one-page letter of interest, and a letter of reference. All materials should be submitted to the student's Graduate Program Officer. Requests for nomination for Presidential Management Fellowships will be reviewed by the program, college, and Graduate School Dean's Office. All students will be advised of their nomination status by e-mail after November 1, 2009.
3. **Assessment and Finalist Selection:** Applicants nominated by their schools and found eligible are invited to participate in an assessment process sponsored by the Office of Personnel Management to determine which nominees will be selected as PMF finalists.
4. **Agency Placement:** Finalists can access the Projected Positions System (PPS) to apply to openings at specific federal agencies as Presidential Management Fellows.

More information about application, nomination, and selection is available online, under the "How to Apply" section at www.pmf.opm.gov. For inquiries about Penn State's competitive nomination process, please contact Barbara Struble, director of the Office of Graduate Fellowships and Awards Administration at bqs3@psu.edu or 814-865-2514.



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Name _____ PSU ID _____

E-mail Address _____ College _____ Program _____

Current GPA _____ Expected Graduation Date _____

Do you qualify for Veteran's Preference as described in the USAJOBS application process ___ yes ___ no

Student submission deadline: Students must submit this completed form with the attachments listed below to their Graduate Program Officer by October 17, 2009.

Please attach the following documents (in the order listed):

- USAJOBS PMF Nomination Form (obtained at the completion of the USAJOBS online application process)
 - Graduate transcript (unofficial copy is acceptable)
 - Resume or curriculum vitae
 - One-page personal statement that describes your leadership skills and experience, as well as your commitment to a career in the analysis of management of public policies and programs
 - One letter of recommendation (preferably from academic advisor)
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Recommendation of Graduate Program Officer: Please verify the student's expected graduation date (listed above), note your recommendation (below), and forward all materials to the college's associate dean for graduate education.

_____ I strongly recommend this application.

_____ I recommend this application.

_____ I do not recommend this application.

Printed name of Graduate Program Officer _____

Signature of Graduate Program Officer _____ date _____

Recommendation of Associate Dean for Graduate Education: Please note recommendation and forward to the Office of Graduate Fellowships and Awards Administration by 5:00 p.m. on October 26, 2009.

_____ I recommend this nomination.

_____ I do not recommend this nomination

Printed name of Associate Dean for Graduate Education _____

Signature of Associate Dean for Graduate Education _____ date _____

Graduate School Notes _____
