

# Technology Fellows Program

## Chief Information Officers Council Technology Fellows Program

The Chief Information Officers Council is recruiting the nation's best and brightest IT and computer science professionals for the newly created Technology Fellowship Program. In December 2010, the Federal Chief Information Officer published the 25-Point Implementation Plan to Reform Federal Information Technology (IT) Management. One critical requirement of the plan is the development of a Technology Fellows Program aimed at cutting bureaucratic barriers to entering public service and providing access to unique career opportunities in Federal Agencies to highly talented technology professionals.

Through a competitive application process, recent graduates of top graduate programs with significant experience in the field of information technology, computer science, or information technology policy will serve as Technology Fellows. As part of the two-year paid fellowship, Fellows will have the opportunity to actively participate in rotational assignments and gain in-depth experience in managing large and complex IT programs. Designed to integrate the next generation of IT professionals, this program will allow the Federal Government to tap into the emerging talent pool and begin to build a sustainable pipeline of talent.

The Technology Fellows Program will use the PMF Schedule A hiring authority to appoint eligible candidates to 2-year fellowships. Fellows will be selected through the PMF process, and will be under a temporary two-year appointment codified by the current Executive Order 13318 and soon to be Executive Order 13562 that governs the PMF Program. Participants in the Technology Fellows Program will be "appointed" and "recorded" as PMFs\Fellows; however, they will have a working title of "Technology Fellows".

### **Requirements:**

Based on current program regulations, graduate students from any discipline who are expected to complete an advanced degree (master's or doctoral-level degree) from a qualifying college or university during the current academic year are eligible to be nominated by their school for the PMF Program.

For the Technology Fellows Program, significant experience, as mentioned above, can include: an undergraduate degree in computer science, computational mathematics, information technology, or information science; a graduate degree in an information technology discipline; and/or relevant work experience in a technology firm or the field of information technology.

Applicants must meet all graduate degree requirements, including the completion or successful defense of any required thesis or dissertation (as required) by the deadline established by the PMF Program Office.

**Application Instructions:**

Based on current PMF Program regulations and for the PMF Class of 2012 only, the PMF Program Office will solicit eligible graduate students via a job opportunity announcement (JOA) on USAJOBS ([www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov)) and via a link on the PMF website. The announcement will include detailed instructions on how to apply. Applicants will need to submit a resume and submit their answers to the Qualifications Questionnaire during the application process.

The JOA for the PMF Class of 2012 will open on Thursday, September 15, 2011, and close at 11:59:59pm (ET), Sunday, September 25, 2011.

In addition to submitting an application, applicants must be nominated by their school's Dean, Chairperson, or Academic Program Director, otherwise known as the Nomination Official. Schools must conduct a competitive process to determine which students to nominate based upon the following:

- Breadth and quality of accomplishments,
- Capacity for leadership, and
- A commitment to excellence in the leadership and management of public technology policies and programs.

Schools will determine preliminary eligibility for veterans' preference. Any student who is eligible for veterans' preference and qualifies for nomination must be nominated by the school. The nomination deadline is Friday, September 30, 2011. Students will be officially informed, via email, of their nomination status approximately 3-4 weeks after the nomination deadline.

Please visit [CIO.gov/TechFellows](http://CIO.gov/TechFellows) for more information and a link to the JOA.

Questions and information requests regarding the Technology Fellows Program can be directed to the CIO Council at [CIOCouncil.Support@gsa.gov](mailto:CIOCouncil.Support@gsa.gov).