



FTC International Fellows Program



The Federal Trade Commission invites counterpart agencies around the world to nominate applicants for the FTC International Fellows Program. Fellows will spend 3-6 months at the FTC beginning in Sept. or Oct. 2012 or Jan. 2013.

The Fellows will join FTC teams in our Bureau of Competition, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Bureau of Economics, Office of Policy Planning, or Office of International Affairs.

Since the end of 2007, we have hosted 36 Fellows from Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, the EC, France, Hungary, Israel, Kazakhstan, Mauritius, Mexico, Peru, Poland, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Switzerland, Tanzania, Turkey, United Kingdom, and Vietnam.



FTC Chairman Jon Leibowitz presents certificates to International Fellows Simon Genevaz (France), Lesenda Grace Mohamed (South Africa), and Dilyara Yechshanova (Kazakhstan). Also pictured are James Hamill, Deputy Director of the FTC's Office of International Affairs (extreme left) and Michael Shore, Counsel for International Affairs and Manager of International Staff Exchange Programs (extreme right).

Fellows will participate in investigations and enforcement actions with FTC attorneys, investigators, and economists. They will gain a first-hand appreciation of the practices and approaches that the FTC uses in its enforcement mission, while also sharing insights into their home agencies' approaches. Fellows will return to their home agencies prepared to share what they have learned with their colleagues, apply their experience in their work for their home agencies, and help to improve cross-border cooperation through the relationships they have developed. We also hope to benefit from the insights shared by visiting Fellows.

APPLICATIONS: Kindly email applications to mshore@ftc.gov. Address any correspondence to Michael Shore, Counsel for International Affairs and Manager of International Staff Exchange Programs, Office of International Affairs, Federal Trade Commission. Applications should include: 1) a nomination letter from the applicant's home agency, summarizing the applicant's role, achievements, and how the Fellowship would benefit the home agency; 2) a letter from the applicant describing current duties, what the applicant expects from the Fellows Program, and which FTC organization the applicant would like to join (if known); and 3) the applicant's curriculum vitae.



Former FTC Chairman William E. Kovacic with Michael Oblan Azize, Acting Director of the Enforcement Branch of the Canberra Office of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission. Michael spent four months on mass marketing fraud matters at the FTC's Midwest Regional Office in Chicago.

TIMING: To allow enough time to match prospective Fellows with specific opportunities at the FTC, complete required paperwork, make travel plans, obtain visas, and arrange for housing in Washington, DC, we ask that applications be submitted at least ten weeks before the Fellow would like to arrive at the FTC.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS: Because the Fellows' work will include access to nonpublic FTC information, Congress has authorized us to appoint Fellows as temporary, unpaid consultants/experts, with the status of special government employees. Fellows will be required to sign a nondisclosure agreement and other mandatory forms. Please note that neither the FTC nor the U.S. Government will provide Fellows with salary, benefits, health insurance, accident insurance, or other provision for medical care. Travel and living expenses, including lodging, will ordinarily be the responsibility of the home agency, although limited funds may be available to assist Fellows from agencies with demonstrated need. Fellows must be fluent in spoken and written English. As part of a team, Fellows may be asked to conduct witness interviews, participate in fact or legal discussions, and/or write essays or memoranda. FTC colleagues will offer constructive criticism of this work, as they do for other team members.