# Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Population Health Fellowship Programs:

- Presidential Management Fellowship
- Steven M. Teutsch Prevention Effectiveness (PE) Fellowship
- Public Health Informatics Fellowship Program (PHIFP)
- Preventive Medicine Residency and Fellowship PMR/F

## **Class of 2019 Cycle Overview**

## Presidential Management Fellowship (PMF) Program



The Presidential Management Fellows (PMF) Program is the Federal Government's flagship leadership succession program, providing recruitment, assessment, and development services for agencies seeking to build a powerful leadership pipeline from highly-skilled graduate degree holders.

# Presidential Management Fellowship (PMF) Program History

- Established by Executive Order in 1977 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 a PATHWAYS program designed to train future Senior Executive Service (SES) leaders in the federal government.
- PMFs at CDC also achieve specific public health competencies and receive specialized training that prepares them for mission critical positions within the agency.

## **CDC PMF Program Statistics**

## THE CDC PMF PROGRAM BRINGS THE BEST AND BRIGHTEST INTO PUBLIC SERVICE

CDC PMF Candidates undergo a rigorous screening process

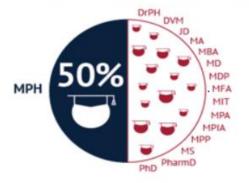


~15 applicants accepted/year

Since CDC adopted the PMF program in 1988,



Since 2010, half of CDC PMF fellows held an MPH degree

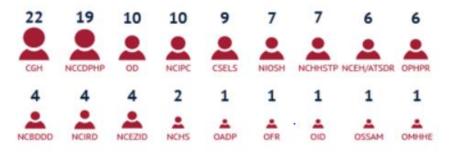


The other half came from a variety of academic disciplines

## **CDC PMF Program Statistics**

## ADVANCED DEGREE GRADUATES MOVE INTO GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

CDC PMF Distribution by Centers, Institutes and Offices, 2010–2018

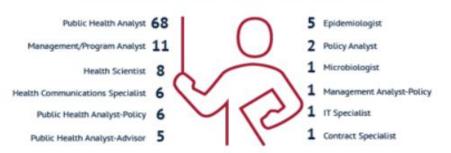


Approximately 87% of CDC PMF graduates



went on to be permanent employees of CDC

#### CDC PMF Distribution by Position Title, 2010–2018



## **Federal Employment Myths**

- 1. The Political Science Major Myth
- 2. The Low Pay Myth
- 3. The Washington, D.C. Myth



## **Busting Myth #1**

 Myth #1: Federal employees are all social sciences majors. The government doesn't need people with other backgrounds.

2018 Entry-Level New Hires (GS-5, GS-7, GS-9)			
Occupation	# of Employees		
Administration	11,503		
Medical and Public Health	7,495		
Legal	6,201		
Accounting and Budget	5,301		
Investigation	4,177		
Business	3,722		
Social Science and Psychology	2,881		
Engineering and Architecture	2,519		

## **Busting Myth #2**

 Myth #2: Salaries for federal employees are low, low, low. You're better off going to work for the private sector.

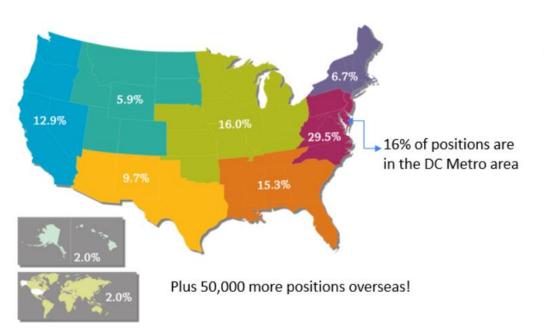
2018 General Schedule Salaries for PMFs					
City	GS-9	GS-11	GS-12	GS-13	
Atlanta	\$53,137	\$64,290	\$77,058	\$91,631	
Chicago	\$55,905	\$67,638	\$81,071	\$96,403	
New York City	\$57,948	\$70,111	\$84,035	\$99,927	
Washington, DC	\$56,233	\$68,036	\$81,548	\$96,970	

**OPM Pay Tables:** 

https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/2018/general-schedule/

## **Busting Myth #3**

 Myth #3: If you work for the federal government, you have to work in Washington, D.C. Say goodbye to your friends and family.



### CDC is located in:

Atlanta, GA
Hyattsville, MD
Washington, DC
Pittsburgh, PA
Fort Collins, CO
Morgantown, WV
Anchorage, AK
Cleveland, OH
Cincinnati, OH
Spokane, WA
San Juan, PR

Federal jobs are EVERYWHERE!

## The PMF Opportunity:

- Appointed at the GS-9, 11, or 12 (or equivalent), based on applicant qualifications and agency needs
- Two-year, paid full-time position, counts towards federal tenure
- Promotion potential up to the GS-13 (1 full grade every 12 months)
  - Masters: 9/11/12\*
  - Doctorates: 11/12/13

<sup>\*</sup>Depending on additional experience and promotions are based on performance

## **PMF Program Eligibility**

- Graduate students from any academic discipline and expected to complete an advanced degree (graduate or professional) from a qualifying college or university during the current academic year (Fall 2017 – Summer 2018), are eligible to apply.
- If you obtained your advance degree from a qualifying college or university no more than two-years prior to the opening date of the announcement.

## **PMF Application Process**

 Applicants complete an on-line application, provide a resume, submit supporting documentation through USAJOBS by searching "Presidential Management Fellows"

- PMF class 2019 application is now open, running from Tuesday, October 9 – Monday, October 22, 2018
- Applicants can only submit one (1) application
- Go to <u>www.pmf.gov</u>
- https://pmf.gov/become-a-pmf/2019-application.aspx

## **PMF Assessment Process - Applicant**

- Nominees must take an online, un-proctored assessment
- Un-proctored online assessment the four instruments includes:
  - Situational Judgment Test
  - Life Experience
  - Critical Thinking
  - Writing Samples (2 essays)
- Certify responses before submitting
- Review Application and ensure completion
- Finalists announcement, Thanksgiving week

## I'm a 2019 PMF Finalist! What's the next step?

- Finalists are invited to attend OPM PMF Job Fair(s)
  - Could be virtual, in person, or combination of both
- Finalists have access to an online PMF Talent Management System (TMS) to identify available agency positions
- Finalists have 12 months from the date they are selected to be appointed to agency positions

## **PMF Program Requirements**

- 80 hours training per year
- Developmental Assignment (4 6 months)
- Individual Development Plan
- Mentor
- Successful Annual Performance Appraisal



## **Examples of PMF Projects**

CDC's 2016 Zika response focused on providing current information to protect the public's health. To increase CDC's understanding of the duration of Zika in the body, we established a cohort study of Zika-infected people in Puerto Rico. Result were published in February 2017 in The New England Journal of Medicine.

 Public Health Analysts/Desk Officers for the CDC Global AIDS Program to support the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)





## **Other Professional Training Opportunities at CDC**

- Preventive Medicine Residency and Fellowship (PMR/F): Prepares graduates to provide leadership in disease prevention and health promotion at the federal, state, local, and tribal levels, as well as internationally.
- Application period open July 1 July 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Steven M. Teutsch Prevention Effectiveness (PE) Fellowship: A two-year postdoctoral research fellowship focusing on the application of quantitative methods to the science of health protection, health promotion, and disease prevention.
- Application period open until January 15, 2019



## Other Professional Training Opportunities at CDC

- The CDC Public Health Informatics Fellowship Program (PHIFP) is a <u>two-year</u>, <u>applied</u>, <u>competency-based training program</u> for professionals with backgrounds in public health, health care and IT, and interest in applying these skills in the public health setting.
- PHIFP Fellows are assigned to CDC centers and are supervised by a network of formal and informal mentors as they carry out their duties as <u>resident</u> <u>informatics experts</u>.
- Application period open August through November annually.





## **Other Professional Training Opportunities at CDC**

 For more information about these and additional professional training opportunities with the CDC visit: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/fellowships/">https://www.cdc.gov/fellowships/</a>

## Questions???

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## **Overview**

- Why program evaluation?
- Purpose and History of the Evaluation Fellowship Program
- Types of programs and activities
- Placement host programs
- Eligibility and what makes a good candidate
- Selection process and timeline
- Post-fellowship



"My question is: Are we making an impact?"

"Measuring impact is so important because it allows us to **prioritize** what we're going to do, to **sustain** it if it's effective, and to **improve** it if it's not effective.

The basic goal is very straightforward:

How can we have maximum health impact?"

- Dr. Tom Frieden, CDC Director (2009-17)



Science Impact: What Difference are You Making? 21 January 2014 <a href="http://www.cdc.gov/about/grand-rounds/archives/2014/January2014.htm">http://www.cdc.gov/about/grand-rounds/archives/2014/January2014.htm</a>

## **Evaluation Fellowship Purpose**

Expand capacity of CDC programs to conduct evaluation, increasing **usefulness** and **impact** 

## Fellowship demonstrates CDC's commitment to:

- Making program evaluation a standard part of CDC programs
  - Developing a cadre of professionals with skills to make that happen

## **Just the Facts**

- Started in 2011
  - 5 fellows
- About 300 applicants each year
- Average 20 fellows selected in each class
  - **2018 = 26**
- Over 100 have completed the Fellowship



- Fellows have been placed in all CDC Centers
- Fellows based in Atlanta
- □ Fellows aren't CDC employees

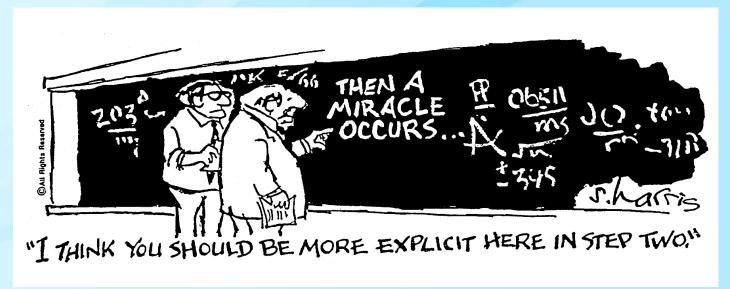
## **Example Program Areas**

- Opioid response
- Global HIV
- Global Health Security
- Intimate Partner Violence
- Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention
- Smoking and Health
- Cancer Prevention
- Emergency Operations
- Emerging Infectious Diseases



## **Types of Evaluation Fellow Activities**

- Depends on stage of program
- Describing program activities and outcomes (logic model)
- Developing and implementing an evaluation plan
- Evaluation technical assistance to state/territory health departments
- Evaluation data collection, analysis, & recommendations



## **Host Programs**

- Apply for and fund fellows
- Oversee day-to day projects and activities
- Mentor and supervise
- Facilitates program connections
- Supports training, professional development, and other activities



## **Eligibility**

## PhD or Master's Degree

- STEM Broadly defined: Includes public health, social and behavioral sciences, evaluation
- By end of Spring semester
- Qualifying degree past5 years
- Non-U.S. citizens are eligible



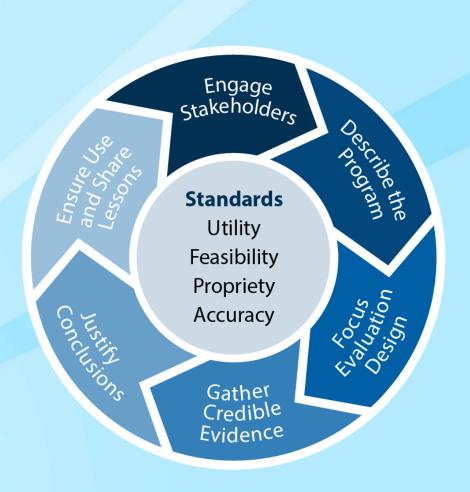
## **What Makes a Good Candidate?**

## Evaluation Experience

- Types and variety of evaluation experiences
- Various roles evaluating projects

## Training

- Academic courses related to evaluation and public health
- Relevant certifications
- Related internships, field experiences, etc.



## **Fellow Selection Timeline**

February-April: Applications Accepted Late April: Finalists selected Fellow selection and notification













Mid-April: Application Deadline May:
Host programs
interview
candidates

Mid-August: Fellows start

## **Selection Process**

- PPEO review and selection of finalists
- Host program interviews
- Finalist and host program matching



## **Funding: 2018 Cohort**

## Stipend

- PhD: \$64,290 (equivalent to GS-11, step 1)
- Master's degree: \$53,137 (equivalent to GS-9, step 1)

## Professional Development Funds

**\$5,000** 

## Insurance Supplement

Individual: \$5,676

Individual + one: \$7,944

Family: \$11,232

## **Post-Fellowship**

- ~90% remain in some public health area
- ~60% stay at CDC
- Other:
  - Consulting
  - State/local Health Depts
  - National/local non-profits
  - University faculty
  - Graduate/Medical School



## **Benefits of being an Evaluation Fellow**



- Strong camaraderie among Evaluation Fellows
- Program oversight by Chief Evaluation Officer
- High-visibility projects
- Opportunities to learn new skills
- Career/professional development funds
- Assistance with job search at end of fellowship



## **Thank You!**



Evaluation at CDC: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/eval">https://www.cdc.gov/eval</a>

Fellowship info: https://www.cdc.gov/eval/fellowship/index.htm

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