

**Presidential Management Fellowship (PMF) Program
US Office of Personnel Management**

**Information Session for George Mason University
Graduate Students, November 18, 2016**

I. Introductions

II. Application process

III. Contacts by Department or School (PMF Academic Coordinators)

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IV. GMU Alumni Presidential Management Fellows

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Kristen Erthum, (kristen.erthum@fulbrightmail.org), Juris Doctorate Law 2014.

Kristen Erthum is a Presidential Management Fellowship (PMF) fellow from the class of 2014. She accepted appointment in June 2014 at the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development, Rural Business Service. Specific projects that she was involved in include working in grants cooperative tax law guidance. She converted to a permanent position with US Department of State, Bureau of African Affairs, Economic and Regional Affairs office. At State, she is a foreign affairs officer with the anticorruption, illicit finance, conflict minerals, and biotech/agriculture portfolio. Prior to becoming a PMF, Kristen graduated from George Mason University School of Law with a JD and a concentration in international business. Before attending GMU, Kristen was a Fulbright Scholar in Egypt teaching EFL classes at Suez Canal University, in Ismailia, Egypt. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Doane College in 2010, with majors in International Studies and Political Science. Kristen also has professional experience with Department of State (public diplomacy), Department of Commerce (international commercial law and rule of law), American Bar Association (alternative dispute resolution), chambers of commerce and media.

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Razi Hashmi, (razi.hashmi@gmail.com), Master of Public Policy 2012.

Razi Hashmi is a Foreign Affairs Officer at the U.S. Department of State in the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL), and currently works on counternarcotics programs in Afghanistan. He is also a 2015 Sorensen Political Leadership Program (PLP) participant. He was previously a Presidential Management Fellow (PMF) at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) where he worked on public affairs, congressional testimony in the Secretary's office, and innovation and emergency management policies. Razi has also worked in local government, political campaigns, Capitol Hill, and a non-profit in Oklahoma. Razi received a Master of Public Policy (MPP) in 2012 from George Mason University's School of Policy, Government, and International Affairs, and a Bachelor's in international studies from Dickinson College in 2006.

Blake Murray, (charles.blakesley@gmail.com), MA in International Commerce and Policy, 2014.

Blake Murray just graduated the Presidential Management Fellowship program and is an International Trade Specialist with the International Trade Administration (ITA), Department of Commerce (DoC). He holds a master's degree in International Commerce and Policy from George Mason University and a bachelor's degree in International Relations from the University of Mary Washington. He works in the Office of Digital Service Industries on data privacy policy issues including the full-time administration of the EU-U.S. Privacy Shield Program. He just completed a 6 month rotation to the U.S. embassy to the European Union where he worked on the transatlantic digital policy environment including issues related to data privacy, T-TIP, Smart Cities, standards, and the Digital Single Market. Blake's interest in the PMF program began three years ago when he attended SPGIA's PMF Information Session in the fall of 2013.

Shannon Rhoten, <shannon.rhoten@sba.gov>, MA in International Commerce and Policy, 2014. Shannon Rhoten was appointed as a Presidential Management Fellow at the U.S. Small Business Administration in September 2015. She has served three internal rotations as part of the SBA's PMF At-Large Program, spending four months each in the Office of Investment and Innovation, the Office of Veterans Business Development, and the Office of Entrepreneurial Development. Shannon has served as an analyst and program manager on a variety of projects in the government innovation and maker spaces. Some of these projects have included the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program, a \$2.5 billion annual government supported R&D program for small tech firms, and the Lean for Main Street Training Challenge, a variation of NSF's I-Corps program adapted for SBA Resource Partners. During her time at SBA, she has enjoyed assisting in the creation of new training and capital programs designed for entrepreneurs under America COMPETES Act authority. In January 2017, she will serve her external rotation at the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration's Office of Innovation and Entrepreneurship; during her external rotation, she will be working on developing metrics for the Regional Innovation Strategies Program. Shannon graduated from the Schar School in May 2014 with a M.A. in International Commerce and Policy.

Adam Salazar, <salazar.adam@gmail.com>, Master of Public Policy, 2014. Adam Salazar is a 2016 Presidential Management Fellow and analyst at the Social Security Administration's Office of Budget. In this capacity, he develops cost estimates for administrative and legislative policy proposals. Additionally, he assists in formulating the agency's FY 2018 budget submission to the White House. Adam previously worked as a social policy researcher at the Pew Charitable Trusts and at the Congressional Research Service while pursuing his MPP degree from George Mason University. He obtained his bachelor's degree in Government and Economics from Georgetown University.

V. Questions and Answers...