



PRESIDENTIAL INNOVATION FELLOWS

Uniting innovators and federal leaders to solve our nation's most complex challenges, by and for the people





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Program Overview

HISTORY

Created by White House CTO's office in 2012. Formalized through executive order and codified into law by Talent Act in 2017, which was the last law signed by President Obama. PIF has recruited 150+ Fellows and worked with 35+ agencies, impacting millions of Americans.

MISSION

The Presidential Innovation Fellows serve a leading role in designing, developing and harnessing technology and innovative solutions to better serve, protect, and empower all Americans.

HOW IT WORKS

PIF is an elite, nonpartisan innovation fellowship that brings in annual cohorts of 15-20 Fellows from around the nation. Fellows are hired as full time federal employees at the GS-15 level (\$142K) and detailed to agencies to work directly with program/agency leadership to solve their toughest challenges.

PROJECTS

Fellows work directly at the leadership level on early stage challenges that are of critical agency and/or national priority, with room to shape, define and lead initiatives.



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Select Agency Projects



National Institutes of Health

Building a diverse database to develop individualized health care and dramatically improve patient outcomes



Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Leveraging data to transform the American healthcare system



Department of Veterans Affairs

Leveraging mobile technology to better reach, engage, and serve veterans



Department of Transportation

Developing open-source technology to improve autonomous vehicle safety, efficiency, and mobility



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A launchpad for high-impact careers

Fellows join us from:

Lead Developer @ Google Maps

Former CEO @ Symantec

Director of Autonomous Vehicles @ Ford

Product Manager @ Microsoft

Program Lead @ Facebook

Senior Designer @ IDEO

Director of Innovation R&D @ Boston Children's Hospital

Experience Design Lead @ Google

Senior Technical PM @ Amazon Alexa

Over 50% of Fellows move on to CXO-level positions in government:

U.S. Deputy Chief Technology Officer

Chief Marketing Officer, U.S. Census Bureau

Chief Innovation Officer, U.S. Census Bureau

Chief Technology Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs

Chief Data Officer, Department of Commerce

Executive Director, 18F

Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Digital Service

AI Lead, Technology Transformation Services

Director, Defense Innovation Unit

Chief Digital Officer, Ontario Canada

Many Fellows re-enter private sector as industry leaders:

Mozilla, leading cybersecurity efforts

Google Health, Medical Director

Kleiner Perkins, Partner

MIT Media Lab, Director's Fellow

Intuit, Chief of Staff

Google, Policy Counsel

Amazon/Whole Foods. Digital Transformation

California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank, Executive Director