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Overview

The Presidential Innovation Fellows (PIF) program is a highly selective, non-partisan tech fellowship that pairs talented mid-to-senior-level entrepreneurs and technologists with top government leaders to take on complex projects that have the potential for significant impact.

The program was launched in 2012 by former U.S. Chief Technology Officer Todd Park, and since then, more than [150 Fellows](#) have worked within over [35 agencies](#). Over half of the Fellows have decided to stay in government after the PIF program, and have gone on to lead new digital teams and serve as chief technology officers, chief information officers, chief data officers, and chief marketing officers at various agencies.

Qualifications

We're looking for high-performing data scientists, designers, engineers, executives, innovators, product managers, and technology strategists that care deeply about solving our nation's most difficult challenges and want to deliver better products, services, and experiences to the American public.

Fellows are agile, collaborative, innovative, resourceful, strategic, and able to deliver measurable results in challenging environments. Fellows are holistic thinkers, digital trailblazers, and technical leaders that will help define the future of government services and shape digital policy.

Projects

Below are potential projects for the Fall 2020 cohort.

- Assisting the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid modernize their technology stack so they can better share data with stakeholders across the healthcare ecosystem

- Helping NASA speed up the discovery, analysis and development of aerospace systems using artificial intelligence to ultimately help combat climate change by reducing fuel burn for the aerospace industry.
- Working with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to better support veterans transitioning from military to civilian life, adopt medical innovations to improve mental health services and health outcomes, and reduce the processing time for benefits claims
- Collaborating with multiple federal agencies to drive the adoption of AI technologies across government
- Ensuring that the Millennium Challenge Corporation, a U.S. foreign aid agency, and their partner countries have the data, technology, and innovations skills needed to maximize the impact of U.S. investments
- Guiding the Department of Transportation as they adapt to the challenges and opportunities that autonomous vehicles and aerial systems offer
- Helping the U.S. Marine Corps conduct a digital and data transformation to keep Marines safe

Impact

Fellows work directly at the leadership level of agencies on early stage challenges that are of critical agency and/or national priority, with room to shape, define and lead initiatives. Fellows have built products and re-designed services that have impacted millions of Americans.

Some examples of their work, include using machine learning to help Veterans get their benefits more quickly; helping to reimagine the child welfare experience for foster care children; and helping to pass legislation to increase investment in federally-funded research and protect U.S. technology IP.

Post Fellowship, Fellows have gone on to take CXO roles at federal agencies such as:

- 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
- AI Lead, Technology Transformation Services

Other details:

- **Job Type:** Full-time
- **Term:** Fellows must serve a 12 month term
- **Salary range:** Fellows are hired as full-time federal employees hired at a GS-15 level, Step 1 in Washington, D.C., which for 2020 incoming Fellows will be \$142,701. For more information on GS salaries, visit [OPM's Salaries & Wages page](#).
- **Who May Apply:** All United States citizens who are not currently federal employees or GSA contractors are eligible to apply. This is not a remote position. Fellows must work in/relocate to Washington, D.C., however we cannot provide financial relocation assistance.
- **Deadline:** The deadline to apply for the October 2020 cohort of Fellows is May 4, 2020, at 11:59 PM EST.
- **Interviews:** We will be conducting interviews in April, and offers will be sent out by the end of June for an October 1 start date.

Have more questions? Read more about the position [here](#) and check out our [FAQ page](#).