



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 Jan., Feb., March, or Sept. 2018.

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 74

FTC Acting Chairman Maureen K. Ohlhausen (center) with International Fellows Noman Laiq (Competition Commission of Pakistan), Mario Diaz (Comisión para la Defensa y Promoción de la Competencia, Honduras), and Hyesin An (Korea Consumer Agency). Also pictured is FTC attorney Michael Shore (far right).

International Fellows from Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Egypt, El Salvador, the European Commission, France, Honduras, Hungary, Israel, Japan, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Mauritius, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Switzerland, Tanzania, Turkey, United Kingdom, Vietnam, and Zambia.

Fellows participate in investigations and enforcement actions with FTC attorneys, investigators, and economists. They 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 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 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.



Acting Chairman Maureen K. Ohlhausen converses with Omar Farooq of the Competition Commission of Pakistan. Also pictured is Michael Shore, Counsel for International Affairs and Manager of International Staff Exchange Programs.

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. 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.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: In addition to working on investigations and enforcement actions, International Fellows sometimes have the opportunity to play a role in special projects. Fellow Boladale Adeyinka (Nigeria) helped draft an MOU among the FTC and two agencies in her home country and helped coordinate the signing ceremony (<http://www.ftc.gov/opa/2013/08/nigerianmou.shtm>).

Then-FTC Chairwoman Edith Ramirez presents a certificate to International Fellow Boladale “Bola” Adeyinka (Nigeria). Also pictured are Michael Shore and Deon Woods Bell, Counsel for International Consumer Protection and Technical Assistance Program Coordinator (extreme right). Below, the Nigerian delegation to the MOU signing congratulates Bola, including Executive Chairman Ibrahim Lamorde, of Nigeria’s Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) (extreme left), Director General Dupe Atoki, of Nigeria’s Consumer Protection Council (CPC), Bola’s home agency (second from left),



and Nigeria’s Ambassador to the United States, the Hon. Adebowale Adefuye (extreme right). Below, several FTC staff join the then-Chairwoman in recognizing Bola’s service, including Hugh Stevenson, Deputy Director of the FTC’s Office of International Affairs (second from left), Stacy Feuer, Assistant Director of the FTC’s Office of International Affairs (third from left), Charles Harwood, then-Deputy Director of the FTC’s Bureau of Consumer Protection (second from right), and Betsy Broder, Counsel for International Consumer Protection (extreme right).



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