



FTC International Fellows Program

The Federal Trade Commission is seeking applications for a new class of International Fellows from counterpart agencies around the world interested in 3-6 month staff exchange opportunities at the FTC in late September/October 2008.

The Fellows will join FTC teams in our Bureau of Competition, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Bureau of Economics, Office of Policy Planning, Office of International Affairs, and Office of General Counsel. Fellows from Brazil, Canada, and Hungary participated in a pilot program that concluded on April 30. We are seeking nine new Fellows to start this fall.

Fellows will have the opportunity to participate in investigations and enforcement actions with FTC attorneys, investigators, and economists. They will 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 will 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 hope to benefit from the insights shared by visiting Fellows.



FTC Chairman William E. Kovacic congratulates Fellow Joan MacPherson, of Competition Bureau Canada, at the press announcement of "Operation Tele-PHONEY." Joan spent four months in the FTC's Division of Marketing Practices, playing a key role in the project, the largest telemarketing fraud sweep ever coordinated by the FTC.

APPLICATIONS: Please submit applications to: Michael Shore, Counsel for International Affairs, Office of International Affairs, Federal Trade Commission; mshore@ftc.gov. 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; and 3) the applicant's curriculum vitae. Feel free to direct questions or requests for further information to Mike Shore at the email address above.

TIMING: In order to allow sufficient 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 by August 22, if possible.

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. Living expenses, including lodging, will ordinarily be the responsibility of the home agency, as well. Fellows must be fluent in spoken and written English.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES: In addition to the International Fellows Program, the FTC has other opportunities available for officials of foreign counterpart agencies for shorter-term visits.



FTC International Fellow Roberto Domingos Taufick of Brazil's CADE (2nd from r) with former FTC Chairman Deborah Platt Majoras and FTC staff. Roberto spent three months in the FTC's Bureau of Competition.