



INTERNATIONAL FELLOWS PROGRAM



The Federal Trade Commission invites counterpart agencies around the world to nominate applicants for the FTC International Fellows Program. Fellows are detailed to the FTC for 3-6 months during which they work on a range of competition, consumer protection, or privacy issues.

Fellows 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 52 International



FTC Chairwoman Edith Ramirez meets with (left to right) International Fellows Francisco Caravia (Chile), Sebastian Mueller (European Commission), and Angelo Grieco (European Commission). Also pictured (extreme right) is Michael Shore, Counsel for International Affairs and Manager of International Staff Exchange Programs at the FTC.

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

Fellows participate in investigations and enforcement actions with FTC attorneys, investigators, and economists. They gain first-hand experience with how the FTC carries out its enforcement and policy work, 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 improve cross-border cooperation. The FTC benefits in turn from the insights and experience of the visiting Fellows.

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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 letter of nomination 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.

TIMING: Please submit applications at least ten weeks in advance of the desired start date. This gives us time to match prospective Fellows with specific opportunities at the FTC. It allows Fellows to complete required paperwork, obtain visas, and arrange travel and housing.

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.



FTC Chairwoman Edith Ramirez presents certificates to International Fellows Luis Castell (Colombia) and Taekyun Kim (South Korea). Also pictured are Michael Shore, Counsel for International Affairs and Manager of International Staff Exchange Programs (extreme left) and James Hamill, then Deputy Director of the FTC’s Office of International Affairs (extreme right).

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

FTC Chairwoman Edith Ramirez presents a certificate to International Fellow Boladale “Bola” Adeyinka (Nigeria). Also pictured are Michael Shore, Counsel for International Affairs and Manager of International Staff Exchange Programs (extreme left) 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 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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