

# INTERNATIONAL FELLOWS PROGRAM

2019



U.S. FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

## APPLY TO JOIN OUR TEAM

The U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) 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.



*FTC Chairman Joseph J. Simons (center) with International Fellows Shinya Takahashi (Japan Consumer Affairs Agency), Eisuke Miyamaru (Japan Fair Trade Commission), Eleonora Ocello (EC Directorate General for Competition), and Philippe Sulger (Swiss Competition Commission). Also pictured (far left) is Michael Shore, Counsel for International Affairs and Manager of International Staff Exchange Programs.*

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.

Fellows return to their home agencies able 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.



*FTC Deputy General Counsel Christian White (center) and FTC attorney Michael Shore (third from left) with program participants Noman Laiq (Competition Commission of Pakistan), Mohan Rao Ronanki (Competition Commission of India), Uriel Citroen (Israel Antitrust Authority), Abram Tiro (Competition Commission of South Africa), Mario Diaz (Comisión para la Defensa y Promoción de la Competencia, Honduras), Hyesin An (Korea Consumer Agency), and Fabio Polverino (European Data Protection Supervisor).*

Since 2007, we have hosted 81 International Fellows from

- Argentina
- Australia
- Barbados
- 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
- Zambia

## HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

*“It was an honor to visit the FTC as part of the International Fellows Program. Over the course of my six-month Fellowship, I worked as an economist on merger investigations focusing on specialized software and chemicals.*



*Mario Diaz (Comisión para la Defensa y Promoción de la Competencia, Honduras) (left) with FTC attorney Matthew Gessesse.*

*“The FTC’s Fellows Program was an ideal environment for me to build on my knowledge of the merger investigations handled by my home agency. I had the opportunity to see one of my primary investigations come to a fruitful outcome in the last week of my FTC Fellowship. Since returning to my home agency, I have been able to share my FTC experiences and insights with my colleagues, which is a benefit to our own work.”*

*- Mario Diaz*



*Angelo Grieco, Team Leader for Unfair Commercial Practices at the European Commission’s Directorate General for Justice (right) with International Fellows Program manager Michael Shore.*

*“Spending six months in BCP’s Division of Advertising Practices has been an extremely enriching experience. I have worked on several investigations from their inception, in various sectors, and become familiar with U.S. law and enforcement practice.*

*“I’ve reviewed and assessed evidence, drafted legal analysis and civil investigative demands, and generally participated in all substantive aspects of the matters.”*

*-Angelo Grieco*



## HOW TO APPLY

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.

## TIMING

The next start dates are February 19 and September 3, 2019. 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 will allow Fellows to complete required paperwork, obtain a visa, and arrange travel and housing.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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