
U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center (USAASC)
Acquisition, Education, Training, and Experience (AETE)
Opportunity Announcement—101

Call for Applications
2009-2010 Excellence in Government (EIG) Fellows Program—
Acquisition Concentration

Opening date: July 23, 2009
Closing date: September 24, 2009
Board review date: October 1, 2009
Program start date: October 20-23, 2009
Orientation/kickoff session held in Williamsburg, VA (tentative)

USAASC is pleased to announce the offering of the EIG Fellows Program—Acquisition Concentration. USAASC will sponsor up to 20 individuals to participate in the program. Information about the program, eligibility requirements, and application process are listed below.

General Program Information

The EIG Fellows Program will be conducted by the Partnership for Public Service located in Washington, DC. The Partnership is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that works to revitalize our federal government by inspiring a new generation to serve and by transforming the way government works. Additional information on the Partnership can be found at www.ourpublicservice.org.

The EIG Fellows Program—Acquisition Concentration offers hands-on leadership development for project managers and acquisition professionals. It is a leadership development program specifically designed for federal and state government professionals that transforms managers into leaders. The program explores ways to retain the best leaders in the government acquisition concentration community (including contracting officers, program and project managers, and others whose success is dependent on strategic acquisition leadership) and encourages them to develop and practice new skill sets/behaviors and assume more strategic roles in their agencies. These same leaders can serve as mentors for the next generation.

The program provides participants with hands-on, results-based leadership development and a transformational experience that concentrates on leadership and management challenges specific to government. It meets the interagency training requirements necessary for an Office of Personnel Management-approved candidate

development program and is designed to complement the core qualifications for members of the Senior Executive Service.

EIG is a year-long program. Each fellow will devote approximately 21 contact days during the program year and will remain in their current positions. They will spend approximately 3 days every 6 weeks for seven sessions with their coaching teams. They will work on issues critical to their own development including:

- How to achieve and measure results in complex environments
- How to build partnerships and motivate teams
- How to develop skills for dealing with difficult ethical situations
- How to apply business acumen to government problems

Individuals will be required to participate at events held outside the Washington, DC, area. USAASC will fund travel and per diem costs.

Who May Apply

Applicants must:

- Be a permanent civilian member of the Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology Workforce.
- Be a GS-13 and above or broadband/payband equivalent within a Demonstration Project or the National Security Personnel System (NSPS).
- Be certified in their current acquisition position.
- Be based in the greater Washington, DC, area or be able to travel to Washington and other locations for meetings.

How to Apply

The application process is located online in the Army Acquisition Professional Development System (AAPDS). To access AAPDS, please login to the Career Acquisition Management Portal at <https://rda.altess.army.mil/camp/> and click on Career Acquisition Personnel and Position Management Information System (CAPPMIS). Once in CAPPMIS, click the "AAPDS" tab, then select the "Application Module" link for "AETE Partnership for Public Service—Acquisition Concentration Program." Applicants must annotate the program on their Individual Development Plan and obtain supervisory approval.

Applicants must submit the following documents or information in AAPDS:

- AETE applicants data
- Acquisition Career Record Brief (ACRB)
- Statement of interest and accomplishments
- Post-utilization plan
- Agreement to continue service
- Résumé
- Current performance appraisal

For additional information, please contact Gloria King at (703) 805-1251, DSN 655-1251, or e-mail Gloria.King@us.army.mil, or Christopher Wingo, Partnership for Public Service Fellows Program, at (202) 464-2690.

Additional Information and Requirements

- Applicants will be notified if their application packet is incomplete and will have the opportunity to correct any problems, providing that the changes are submitted before the closing date of the announcement.
- Applicants must be certified in their current acquisition position. The certification status must be reflected on the ACRB by the closing date of the announcement.
- Applicants must provide comments in AAPDS under the section entitled “Statement of Interest and Accomplishments,” which addresses the following:
 - Why you want to be a participant in this training opportunity.
 - The contributions you will bring to the program.
 - What benefits to the Army you feel are likely to result from your participation in the program.
 - Your significant accomplishments achieved in your present or past positions.

Please limit the statements and accomplishments to 1,000 words.

- Applicants must submit their most current performance evaluations along with the supporting forms. Applicants covered under NSPS must submit the complete evaluation. Applicants covered under the DOD Acquisition Demonstration Project must submit Part I, Part II, and Part III. Applicants covered under the Total Army Personnel Evaluation System must include DA Form 7222 and 7222-1.
- Applicants’ supervisors must approve the completed application package and provide comments in AAPDS under the section entitled “Post-Utilization Plan.” The supervisor’s comments should address the following:
 - Why the applicant should attend the program.
 - The contributions the applicant will bring to the program.
 - What benefits to the Army will likely result from the applicant’s participation in the program.
 - Any significant accomplishments applicant achieved in the applicant’s present or past positions.

Please limit the statements and accomplishments to 1,000 words.

- Students will be required to reimburse the government if they withdraw from the program. The estimated cost of reimbursement is \$12,400.
- Tuition, course materials, travel, and per diem will be funded by USAASC.
- USAASC will conduct a board to select individuals for the program.