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Terrill Curtis Selected for Presidential Management Fellows Program

Terrill Curtis of the University of South Florida has been chosen to participate in the very selective Presidential Management Fellow (PMF) program’s rigorous two-year paid fellowship including professional training, rotations in various federal agencies, challenging assignments and opportunities to engage in solving domestic and international issues.

Mr. Curtis will graduate from USF’s College of Public Health with a Master of Public Health in May, 2014. He is interested in working with a variety of federal agencies, but most specifically the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. The PMF program is an ideal fit for his career trajectory toward becoming a public service leader centered on shifting behavioral health care services, including mental health, towards recovery-oriented systems-of-care.

Mr. Curtis is one of 609 individuals selected for the 2014 PMF program. The PMF program received nearly 7,000 applications for this very competitive, multi-stage application and assessment process. This year also marks the first year the PMF program has offered positions for a new Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) track designed to develop a cadre of public service minded federal leaders with STEM qualifications. Mr. Curtis is one of the first 91 people selected to participate in the new PMF-STEM track.

Dr. Linda Lucas, Director of the Office of National Scholarships says, “This award recognizes the value of Terrill’s important research and experience in the field of mental health.” The USF Office of National Scholarships identifies, recruits and mentors high achieving students to apply for national merit scholarships across all disciplines. The scholarships and fellowships are for creative, motivated and academically strong students who are leaders in and out of the classroom.

The Presidential Management Fellows Program was created by Executive Order in 1977 to match outstanding advanced degree candidates from all disciplines with exciting Federal opportunities. This flagship leadership development program is sponsored by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management and is part of President Obama’s Pathways Program to help students and recent graduates join the Federal service.

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