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Stephanie Kolar, alumnus of the University of South Florida has been chosen to participate in the very selective Presidential Management Fellows (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.

A 2013 Ph.D. graduate of USF’s College of Public Health, Ms. Kolar is currently conducting research on tobacco cessation and weight management as a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Miami. Her graduate studies have focused on diverse topics such as antibiotic resistance, sexually transmitted infections, complementary and alternative medicine, HPV vaccine uptake, social and behavioral factors affecting health, and health disparities among racial/ethnic minorities and under-served populations. She is well suited to work with Health and Human Services agencies, but also interested in occupational safety with the Department of Labor, biodefense efforts in the Department of Justice or substance effects on human health with the Environmental Protection Agency. The PMF program is an ideal fit for her career trajectory as a civil servant in the public health field.

Ms. Kolar is one of 609 individuals selected as a 2014 PMF Finalist. 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. Ms. Kolar is one of the first 91 Finalists selected for the new PMF-STEM track.

Dr. Linda Lucas, Director of the Office of National Scholarships says, “Stephanie’ doctoral work broke new ground in public health and the PMF recognizes the enormous value of her research.” 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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