



## UNITED STATES OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Washington, DC 20415

The Director

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### MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF HUMAN CAPITAL OFFICERS

FROM: ACTING DIRECTOR, BETH F. COBERT

Subject: University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law Offers Federal Employees and/or their legal Spouses a Federal Employee Grant to Pursue Postgraduate Education

The U.S. Office of Personnel Management's (OPM) mission is to recruit, retain and honor a world-class workforce to serve the American people. OPM and University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law have entered into an agreement as part of OPM's continued effort to close skills gaps, increase Federal employees' access to high-quality, affordable educational resources, and further develop and sustain the Federal workforce.

This new agreement makes the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law the first U.S. law school to offer a Federal Employee (FEDEM) Grant equivalent to a 10 percent tuition discount to Federal employees and spouses admitted to the Master of Science in Law (MSL) or the Master of Laws (LL.M.) programs. The benefit takes effect immediately.

The University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law is one of the oldest law schools in the United States. The *MSL program* is a part-time, 30-credit, two-year, evening program developed for working professionals. After a semester of foundational courses, students choose a specialization in one of five areas: Crisis Management, Cybersecurity Law, Environmental Law, Health Care Law or Patent Law. The [LL.M.](#) provides advanced legal education in the same and other specializations for students with a Juris Doctor degree or a law degree from another country.

Each program participant is responsible for following the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law's registration process posted on their FEDEM Grant website.

Answers to prospective students' frequently asked questions are hyperlinked below. For more specific information about the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law Federal alliance and the FEDEM Grant, please contact an admissions counselor by telephone at (410) 706-3492, or via email to [admissions@law.umaryland.edu](mailto:admissions@law.umaryland.edu). For additional information, please contact OPM's Learning and Development Team via email at [learninganddevelopment@opm.gov](mailto:learninganddevelopment@opm.gov)

Attachments: Frequently Asked Questions about the Maryland LL.M. and Frequently Asked Questions about the Master of Science in Law (MSL).

cc: Deputy Chief Human Capital Officers, Human Resources and Equal Employment Opportunity Directors, Headquarters and Field Office Training Officers, Chief Learning Officers, and Federal Executive Board Directors