



UNITED STATES OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT
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The Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF HUMAN CAPITAL OFFICERS

FROM: Kathleen M. McGettigan, Acting Director

Subject: Six New Academic Agreements Offer Federal Employees Reduced Tuition Rates to Pursue Post-Secondary Education

The U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has entered into academic agreements with American University Key Executive Leadership Master's Degree in Public Administration, Bellevue University, Columbia College, Georgetown University Biomedical Graduate Education, University of Louisville, and Michigan State University's College of Business as part of OPM's continued effort to address critical skills gaps in mission critical occupations, increase Federal employees' access to high-quality, affordable educational resources, and further develop and retain the Federal workforce.

The agreements provide reduced tuition rates and/or scholarships to Federal employees; some of the agreements extend the benefits to spouses and legal dependents. The portfolio of these institutions include programs that address some of the Federal Government's mission-critical occupation skills in the areas of Acquisition, Human Resources, Financial Auditing, Economics, Information Technology with an emphasis on Cybersecurity, and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). These agreements take effect immediately.

For more information about the programs, admissions, and contact information for each school visit the Federal Academic Alliance wiki page at <https://go.usa.gov/xN545>. For additional information, please contact OPM's Federal Academic Alliance Team via email at learninganddevelopment@opm.gov.

Attachment—Appendix 1: New Governmentwide Academic Partners (see below)

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

Appendix 1: New Governmentwide Academic Partners

American University Key Executive Leadership Master's Degree in Public Administration

Benefit: 25% tuition reduction and no application fee for Federal employees for the Key MPA. For our 8-course 32-day SES CDP Certificate program, agencies sponsoring one or

more students receive tuition discounts through the Federal Supply Schedules:
contract number GS-02F-0012X.

Who is eligible: All Federal employees

Online/On-Campus: MPA – on campus. Certificate programs - online, hybrid, and on campus.

Website: key.american.edu

Admissions Contact: Patrick Malone, Director, Key Executive Leadership Programs

E-mail: pmalone@american.edu

Phone: 202-885-6271

Bellevue University

Benefit: Tuition for program participants will be discounted by 20% from Bellevue University tuition rates as shown on the Bellevue University website at www.bellevue.edu. Standard fees as published in the University Catalog and on the University website may apply. Application fee will be waived for program participants.

Who is eligible: Federal Government employees and their spouses and dependents are eligible. Federal employees shall include Civil Service employees only.

Online/On-Campus: Participants may enroll in any Bellevue University undergraduate or graduate courses and programs upon acceptance to university and the program.

Website: <https://alliance.bellevueuniversity.us/>

Admissions Contact: Visit our website at: <https://alliance.bellevueuniversity.us/>

Phone: 866-827-8467 or 402-557-7493 (OUTSIDE THE U.S. CALL 01-402-557-7493)

Columbia College

Benefit: 15% tuition discount for all academic programs including Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's, and Certificates. No application fee. No additional fees. Books are provided.

Who is eligible: All Federal Employees, dependents under age 25, and spouses

Online/On-Campus: Online, Face-to-Face and Hybrid. Tuition discount does not apply to traditional Main Campus daytime courses in Columbia, MO.

Website: Columbia College Federal Portal

Admissions Contact: Kelsey Anderson

E-mail: kaanderson@ccis.edu

Phone: 573-875-7177

Georgetown University Biomedical Graduate Education

Benefit: 15% tuition scholarship for all eligible masters and certificate programs

Who is eligible: Federal employees only

Online/On-Campus: Online and On-campus programs are available

Website: <https://biomedicalprograms.georgetown.edu/federal-alliance>

Admissions Contact:

E-mail: biomedgrad@georgetown.edu

Phone: 202-687-1379

University of Louisville

Benefit: UofL offers employees of the U.S. Federal Government a 10% tuition scholarship applied to the current tuition rate for online programs, each academic semester

Undergraduate Application Fee: \$25

Graduate Application Fee: \$65

Who is eligible: Federal employees only

Online/On-Campus: All of UofL's Online programs (Undergraduate, Graduate, Certificate and Non-Degree) qualify for the Federal Academic Alliance 10% scholarship.

Website: [University of Louisville | Federal Academic Alliance Scholarship — Online Learning](#)

Admissions Contact: UofL's Online Enrollment Counselors are admissions contacts for our membership in the Federal Academic Alliance.

E-mail: online@louisville.edu

Phone: 800.871.8635

Michigan State University Eli Broad College of Business

Benefit: 10% reduced tuition on some graduate programs and 15% in some non-credit certificate programs.

Who is eligible: Federal Government employees, spouses or dependents

Online/On-Campus: All programs are 100% online except MS SCM which has three weekend onsite residency sessions.

Website: Michigan State University Federal Employee Portal – <https://explore.michiganstateuniversityonline.com/lp/MSU-OPM/>

Admissions Contact:

E-mail: StudentSuccess@MichiganStateUniversityOnline.com

Phone: 855-300-1310