

## UNITED STATES OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT Washington, DC 20415

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## **MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief Human Capital Officers**

FROM: Katherine Archuleta Director

Subject: University of Maryland University College Alliance Offers Federal

Employees Discounted Rates to Pursue Post-Secondary Education

The U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is pleased to announce an alliance with the University of Maryland University College (UMUC), as part of OPM's continuing effort to increase Federal employees' access to high quality, affordable educational resources, to close skills gaps, and to make Federal employment attractive to our nation's top talent.

UMUC will provide a 25 percent discount to Federal employees, their spouses and legal dependents (excluding Maryland residents – see below) for most educational programs. The discount provided under this alliance will apply to all undergraduate programs and most graduate programs. The current out-of-state tuition rates are \$499.00 per credit hour for undergraduate and \$659.00 per credit hour for graduate programs before the discount. Maryland residents are entitled to the in-state tuition rate of \$266.00 per credit hour for undergraduate and \$458.00 per credit hour for most graduate programs. UMUC courses are available through traditional classroom or online virtual classroom delivery. For registration instructions, please visit umuc.edu/opmlearning.

In addition to offering this discounted tuition, this alliance will afford the opportunity for collaboration between Federal subject matter experts and UMUC curriculum developers, in order to infuse the public sector perspective into UMUC courses designed to prepare students for possible future Federal employment.

Answers to Training Officers' and prospective students' Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) are hyperlinked below. For additional information, please contact Mrs. Soraya Smith at 202-606-1476 or <a href="mailto:Soraya.Smith@opm.gov">Soraya.Smith@opm.gov</a>.

Attachments: <u>UMUC-OPM Alliance Training Officer FAQs</u>, and <u>UMUC-OPM Alliance Student FAQs</u>

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