

§ 362.102 Definitions.

(a) A *Presidential Management Intern* is appointed in the excepted service under § 213.3102(ii) of this chapter, in an executive agency or department. The individual must have completed a graduate course of study at a qualifying college or university, received the nomination of the dean or academic program director, successfully completed an OPM-administered assessment process, and been selected and appointed by an agency for a 2-year Presidential Management Internship.

(b) A *qualifying college or university* is an academic institution formally accredited by an accrediting organization recognized by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education (34 CFR part 602).

Subpart B—Program Administration

§ 362.201 Nomination and selection.

(a) *Eligibility.* Individuals eligible to be nominated for the Program are graduate students from a variety of academic disciplines completing or expecting to complete, during the current academic year, an advanced degree from a qualifying college or university. These individuals must demonstrate an exceptional ability, a clear interest in, and a commitment to a career in the analysis and management of public policies and programs.

(b) *Nomination procedure.* (1) The college or university making nominations for the Program shall establish a competitive nomination process to ensure that all eligible students are aware of the PMI Program and how to apply for nomination. The process will also ensure that applicants receive careful and thorough review, and that all receive equal opportunity for nomination.

(2) Students must be nominated by the dean, chairperson, or academic program director.

(3) Students who apply to be nominated must be rated qualified or not qualified for nomination. Nominations are made by school officials through completion of the PMI application form.

(4) Students eligible for veterans' preference who apply for nomination

and are found qualified must be nominated. Based on the documentation provided by the student, the college or university must determine preliminary eligibility for veterans' preference. Students eligible for veterans' preference who believe they met the college or university's nomination qualification requirements, but were not nominated, may request a review by the OPM PMI Program office.

(c) *Selection.* Selection of Program finalists will be based on an OPM evaluation of the PMI application and a structured assessment center process. Veterans' preference will be adjudicated by OPM.

§ 362.202 Appointment and extensions.

(a) *Appointing authority.* The appointment authority for Presidential Management Interns is 5 CFR 213.3102(ii). Appointments cannot exceed 2 years unless extended for up to 1 additional year by the agency with the approval of OPM under § 362.203(b).

(b) *Completion of degree requirements.* Agencies must assure that all graduate degree requirements have been met at the time of appointment. Interns may not be appointed prior to the completion of all graduate degree requirements. Exceptions may be made on an individual basis, but in no case will an intern be allowed to remain in the program if all degree requirements are not completed by August 31 of the year in which the intern was selected as a finalist.

(c) *Time period.* Agencies may appoint individuals with formal notification of their selection as PMI finalists no later than December 31 of the year in which they were selected as finalists. Exceptions may be granted on a case-by-case basis upon request of the agency to the OPM PMI Program office no later than December 15 of the year in which the interns were finalists.

(d) *Grade and pay.* Initial appointments must be made at the grade 9, step 1 level of the General Schedule. If an intern has had prior higher level Federal Government service, the individual may be placed at a higher step within the GS-9 rate range consistent with the maximum payable rate rules under 5 CFR 531.203(c). Promotion to