

PPEO Fellowship Evaluation Interview Questions for Alumni

Hello, my name is Jennifer Zorland. I am an external evaluator working with the CDC on assessing its Evaluation Fellowship program. Thank you for agreeing to participate in this interview. We are interested in hearing about your experience as an Evaluation Fellow, and the ways that your experience has affected your capacity to do evaluation and your career.

Background

1. When did you start the Fellowship?
2. Why did you decide to apply to the Fellowship?
PROBE: What were you looking to learn or do?
3. Did you graduate after the two years or leave before the end of your Fellowship?
 - a. If, yes – Why did you decide to leave?

Fellowship Experience

4. When thinking about your Fellowship experience, how did the different learning opportunities help you advance your evaluation skills??
 - 4A. Let's start with trainings you participated in?
 - 4B. Your Host Program projects?
 - 4C. Other opportunities, such as small projects or other activities?

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5. What were the biggest benefits of working with your HOST PROGRAM and PRIMARY MENTOR(S)?
What were some of the challenges?

6. How did PPEO help you most during your Fellowship? What additional support would you have liked to have from PPEO?

7. How was your experience with other Fellows?

PROBE: Did you build relationships that have helped you personally or professionally?

8. What are 1-2 highlights from your fellowship experience?

PROBE: What would you say was your biggest accomplishment? What are you most proud of?

Post-Fellowship Positions

9. Are you currently in an evaluation-related position?

If YES: How has your Fellowship experience helped you in your current work and your career overall?

If NO: Even though you may not be working in evaluation, per se, how has your Fellowship experience helped you in your current work and your career overall?

Fellowship Strengths and Improvements

10. Would you recommend the Fellowship to others interested in program evaluation?

If YES: What would you highlight about the Fellowship to others?

If NO: What changes could the Fellowship make that would lead you to recommend it to others interested in program evaluation?

Closing

11. Is there anything else that you would like to share about the Fellowship or your experience as a Fellow?