

**Meet the Fed: Episode 2 - Fostering Payment and Settlement System Safety and Efficiency
Federal Reserve Board**

MAURICIO BASCUNAN. Hi, I'm Mauricio Bascunan. I work for the Division of Reserve Bank Operations & Payment Systems in the Information Technology section. The Division of Reserve Bank Operations & Payment Systems provides support to different aspects of the economy from issuing currency to control and ensure the efficiency of the payment systems. The section of the Information Technology specifically provides support to ensure that the operations are secure and efficient. The work that we perform affect everybody on the street. Every time that you receive a check we are behind those operations. We are trying to make sure that those are secure that you receive the money that you are supposed to receive. This is very important to secure your transactions, your money and the economy of this country.

In doing this we are facing many different threats external, internal and sometimes threats that we are not aware of. Hackers are really smart people. So, it's not easy sometimes to identify the risk. We are working really hard to prevent those attacks to identify them as soon as possible and to be prepared to react in case that we have to do.

Working at the Fed was a long-term goal for me. So, when I have the opportunity to join the Fed, I was glad that I was taken in. Doing my work sometimes I think about my kids, my family, whatever conditions we are creating in this economy, whatever conditions we are creating for this financial industry it's affecting them, it's affecting their future and we're protecting that environment. I want to create an environment that is good for my kids but also for your kids and for everybody in this country.

There are many other organizations that I could work for. But I choose the Fed because it's fascinating, it's motivating and also, it's engaging to be a participant of the economy of this country.

I grew up in a different country with a different culture and sometimes that provides me the opportunity to bring different thoughts, different perspectives to my work. My family taught me respect, hard work, commitment is important everyday especially at work. That rules my day, that rules my work. I hope that my colleagues see it. I hope that is reflected in my daily job.