



2017-2018 Graduate Student Leadership Award

Award Description:

Sponsored annually by Florida State University's Graduate School and the Congress of Graduate Students (COGS), the Leadership Award recognizes outstanding graduate student leaders who are making a positive difference in their scholarly/creative work, campus, and wider communities. Graduate students who exhibit strong leadership skills are encouraged to apply. The person selected for the prestigious Leadership Award and his/her program is recognized at the *Celebration of Graduate Student Excellence* held each spring semester. The Leadership Award recipient will also receive a \$750.00 award.

Criteria:

Applicants will be evaluated in two general categories:

1. Characteristics of Leadership
 - Does he/she collaborate well with others and inspire/empower others to act?
 - Does he/she manage change and transition well?
 - Does he/she participate in professional association activities that are external to the university?
 - Does he/she engage in student organizations and the scholarly community?
2. Level of Leadership Involvement
 - Each student's application will be reviewed for evidence of leadership participation at the national, state, regional/local, university, and departmental levels.

Requirements:

Each applicant must be an enrolled, FSU degree-seeking or professional graduate student in good academic standing and must provide the following to the FSU Graduate School:

1. A personal essay that includes a rationale for receiving the Leadership Award
 - Maximum length is 1 page, 12 pt. font
 - The personal essay needs to explicitly address the evaluation criteria noted above.

2. An up-to-date Curriculum Vitae
3. A letter of recommendation supporting the student for the Leadership Award
 - The letter should be provided by a faculty or staff member who can address the leadership skills and efforts of the student in light of the evaluation criteria.

Submission of Materials:

Students can apply online for the Leadership Award by clicking on the following link:

The Registration Link for the 2018 Leadership Award cycle will open in **November 2017**.

NOTE: Students should not begin the online application process until they have all of the materials listed above (e.g., personal essay, CV, and letter of recommendation). Applicants cannot stop or restart the application process; they must submit all of the application materials in the same session in which they begin. Also, students may not edit the application or change the scope of work once it has been submitted.

Completed applications are due no later than 5:00 P.M. on **Wednesday, January 31, 2018**. No time extensions will be awarded for late submission of materials as it is the student's responsibility to be sure all required documents are accepted on time and prior to the deadline.

Review Process:

An award selection committee, comprised of University faculty and a representative from the Congress of Graduate Students (COGS), will review all nominee materials. The Dean of the Graduate School will select the Leadership Award winner based on the final scores submitted by the award selection committee. Award notifications are sent out to all applicants in late March. All nominees for this award will be recognized at the spring *Celebration of Graduate Student Excellence* ceremony scheduled for April 2018.

For more information, questions, or concerns regarding the Leadership Award, please contact James Beck (644-3501 or jbeck@fsu.edu)