



2020-2021 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 in April. The Leadership Award recipient will also receive a \$1,000 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 or Resume
3. A Letter of Recommendation supporting the student for the Leadership Award
 - The Letter of Recommendation 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. It is strongly encouraged that the faculty/staff member sends the Letter of Recommendation to the student so that he/she can upload it into the online application portal. However, if the faculty/staff member does not feel comfortable doing this, the Letter of Recommendation can be sent via email to James Beck at jpbeck@fsu.edu.

Submission of Materials:

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

https://fsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8jDw29q7y0bTXNP

NOTE: Students should not begin the online application process until they have all of the materials listed above (e.g., Personal Essay, CV or Resume, 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 **Friday, January 29, 2021**. 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 2021.

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

GradWorld FSU Video:

The winner(s) of the Graduate Student Leadership Award will be expected to produce a short video for The Graduate School's **GradWorld FSU** website. GradWorld FSU is a revolutionary website that looks and feels very similar to Google Earth, displaying a variety of personalized

videos from graduate students, postdocs, alumni and faculty for the purpose of showcasing their outstanding achievements and contributions to Florida State University. This is an extraordinary opportunity for everyone around the world to see your passion, interests, research goals and learn more about our wonderful university.

How to begin? All of the details for this wonderful initiative can be found on The Graduate School's main website here: <https://gradschool.fsu.edu/gradworld>. Please choose to complete one of two video options: Option 1.) a self-filmed Questionnaire Video where you would answer a few questions using your iPhone/Smartphone, digital camera or the Screencast-O-Matic webcam software, or Option 2.) a GEOSET PowerPoint Video in which you would reserve a time to meet with the GEOSET Studio team in the Dirac Library to create a professional guided video/PowerPoint presentation to present a compelling oration of your research interests, or work at FSU. If you have any questions about this process or need assistance, please contact James Beck in The Graduate School at jpbbeck@fsu.edu.

***Deadline to Submit Video:** The winner(s) of the Graduate Student Leadership Award will be required to complete and submit the short GradWorld video prior to the Celebration of Graduate Student Excellence which is held each spring semester towards the end of April.