

UGS Veteran's Fellowship Guidelines 2020

In honor and recognition of our veterans' service, the University Graduate School has established the UGS Veteran's Fellowship. This fellowship provides support to student veterans to pursue their doctoral education at Florida International University. The UGS awards the Veteran's Fellowship once a year in the Fall term. The fellowship includes one year of support with a \$24,000 annual stipend plus a tuition waiver and individual health insurance, provided that the student veteran does not have leftover tuition funds on the GI Bill. If the student veteran has tuition funds on the GI Bill and health insurance is covered by the Armed forces, UGS will cover the stipend.

Award benefits include:

- \$24,000 annual stipend for the first year; then 3 additional years of funding support from the fellow's graduate program (as a Teaching or Research Assistant)
- Tuition waiver (9 graduate credits in Fall and Spring, 6 graduate credits in the Summer)
- Health insurance

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be an honorably discharged veteran or be in good standing with his or her branch of service
- Must be a US Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Be applying to a doctoral program at FIU for the Fall 2020 term (currently enrolled graduate students are not eligible)
- Have a GPA of 3.0 or higher in undergraduate or graduate coursework

Nominations:

Each doctoral degree-granting program may submit **unlimited nominations**.

The unit must commit to the GA appointment equivalent to .50 FTE for three years at \$24,000 per year.



Nominations are submitted by the admitting graduate academic program via the Veteran's Fellowship Nomination Form.

In addition to the completed nomination form, the following supporting documents are also required:

1. Student's personal statement outlining his/her undergraduate accomplishments and graduate education goals
2. Student's Resume/CV
3. Three recommendation letters
4. A cover letter from the Graduate Program Director providing a justification for the student nomination

Nomination Form Deadline:

The Veteran's Fellowship Nomination Form and all supporting documents must be submitted in a single pdf file/ application to the UGS at ugsfellows@fiu.edu, by no later than **Friday, February 21, 2020**.

Contact Information - For further information or assistance, please contact Claudia Balzan at cbalzan@fiu.edu or 305-348-2604.



UGS Veteran's Fellowship Nomination Form

Nominee Section

(to be completed by the GPD) Please complete the section below and submit form along with the required documents.

Panther ID: _____ Name: _____
Last First MI
 Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Nominee's Academic Performance:

Overall Undergraduate GPA _____
 GPA in Grad Coursework (if any) _____

Degrees Earned:

- B.A. / B.S. Major _____ Year Earned _____
 M.A. / M.S. Major _____ Year Earned _____

FIU graduate program the nominee is entering:

Doctoral program in _____

Please attach the following:

- Student's personal statement outlining his/her undergraduate accomplishments and graduate education goals
- A Resume/CV

FIU Graduate Program Section

(to be signed by the Graduate Program Director and Department Chair) Please complete section below and submit form along with required supporting documentation in one pdf file/ application to ugsfellows@fiu.edu

Please indicate your unit's nomination and verify matching support:

- Doctoral Nominees:** Our Unit is nominating the above student into the Doctoral program in _____. Our unit commits to providing this student a graduate assistantship (TA or RA) at a minimum annual stipend of \$24,000 for three years of his/her doctoral program.

Please attach the following:

- A letter from the student's proposed mentor, outlining the mentor's research interests and qualifications, including his/her record of successfully mentoring students and obtaining external funding
- A cover letter from the Graduate Program Director providing a justification for nominating this student

Graduate Program Director : _____
Name (Print) Signature Date

Department Chair : _____
Name (Print) Signature Date

Department: _____ Telephone: _____

The signed nomination form and supporting documentation must be submitted to the in a single pdf file/ application to the UGS at ugsfellows@fiu.edu, no later than **Friday, February 21, 2020.**

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