

UGS Veteran's Fellowship Guidelines 2021

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 two years 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 two years; then 2 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 2021 term (currently enrolled graduate students are not eligible)
- Have a GPA of 3.0 or higher in undergraduate or graduate coursework

Nominations Procedure:

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

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

Nomination form (attached) needs to be submitted with supporting documentation by no later than **Friday, February 19, 2021**.

- To submit completed electronic applications, UGS will provide a **unique** link to each Academic Program.
- Please e-mail ugsfellows@fiu.edu to request your link, **do not** e-mail your nominations.
- Nominations should be uploaded as separate files.
- Hard copy submissions will not be accepted.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

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 (It can be same personal statement used in PhD program application)
2. Student's Resume/CV
3. Recommendation letter from proposed FIU mentor in graduate program
4. A cover letter from the Graduate Program Director providing a justification for the student nomination

TIMELINE:

Friday, February 19, 2021

Deadline for Graduate Program Director to submit completed electronic applications using unique link provided by UGS

Week of Monday, March 15, 2021

Selection Committee meets to make award recommendations

Week of Monday, March 22, 2021

The UGS notifies departments of awards and sends official letter to all applicants

Contact Information – For further information or assistance, please contact Claudia Balzán at cbalzan@fiu.edu.



UGS Veteran's Fellowship Nomination Form

Nominee's Name (Last, First, Middle)	Panther ID	Personal Email	FIU Email	
Department/School				
Nominee's Academic Performance GPA Overall Undergraduate GPA _____ GPA in Undergrad Major coursework _____ GPA in Grad Coursework (if any) _____				
All Post-Secondary Education Name of Institution	Dates of Attendance		Major	Degree and Year Earned
	From	To		
Endorsement Our Unit is nominating the above student into the Doctoral program and commits to providing this student a graduate assistantship (TA or RA) for two years of his/her doctoral program at \$24,000 per year.				
Chair Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____				
Please Print				