

## UGS Veteran's Fellowship Guidelines- Fall 2024

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 **four** years of support with a \$27,324 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. This is a department-nominated award (students cannot apply directly with UGS).

### Award benefits include:

- \$27,324 annual stipend for 2 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 their branch of service
- Must be a US Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Be applying to a doctoral program at FIU for the Fall 2024 term (currently enrolled graduate students are **not** eligible)
- Have a GPA of 3.0 or higher in undergraduate or graduate coursework

### Nomination Procedure:

This is a department-nominated award (students cannot apply directly). 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 \$27,324 per year.

Nomination form (attached) needs to be submitted with supporting documentation by no later than **Sunday, January 14, 2024**.

- To submit completed electronic applications, UGS will provide a **unique** link to each Academic Program.
- Please e-mail [ugsfellows@fiu.edu](mailto:ugsfellows@fiu.edu) to request your link, **do not** e-mail your nominations.
- Nominations should be uploaded as separate files (one file per nominee).

- 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 their undergraduate accomplishments and graduate education goals (It can be same personal statement used in PhD program application)
2. Student's Resume/CV
3. A cover letter from the Graduate Program Director providing a justification for the student nomination

## **TIMELINE:**

### **Sunday, January 14, 2024**

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

### **Week of Monday, February 19, 2024**

Selection Committee meets to make award recommendations

### **Week of Monday, February 26, 2024**

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

Contact Information – For further information or assistance, please contact [ugsfellows@fiu.edu](mailto:ugsfellows@fiu.edu).



## UGS Veteran's Fellowship Nomination Form

<b>Nominee's Name (Last, First, Middle)</b>	
<b>Panther ID</b>	
<b>Nominee's Personal Email</b>	
<b>Nominee's FIU Email</b>	
<b>Department/School</b>	
<b>Nominee's Academic Performance</b> GPA Overall Undergraduate GPA _____ GPA in Grad Coursework (if any) _____	
<b>Identification Information (Select one)</b> U.S. Citizen                      Permanent Resident	<b>Branch of Service</b> (Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, or Space Force)
<b>Endorsement</b> 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 their doctoral program at \$27,324 per year.  Chair Name: _____ Department: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____	