

UGS Veteran's Fellowship Guidelines- Fall 2026

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 subsidized 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. In addition, Veteran Fellows are eligible to receive *one* year of free housing at The One at University City (Off Campus Housing).

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)
- Subsidized 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 2025 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 **Thursday, January 15, 2026**.

- 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 (one *pdf.* 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:

Thursday, January 15, 2026

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

Week of Monday, February 16, 2026

Selection Committee meets to make award recommendations

Week of Monday, February 23, 2026

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.



UGS Veteran's Fellowship Nomination Form

Nominee's Name (Last, First, Middle)	
Panther ID	
Nominee's Personal Email	
Nominee's FIU Email	
Department/School	
Nominee's Academic Performance (Must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher) GPA Overall Undergraduate GPA _____ GPA in Grad Coursework (if any) _____	
Identification Information (Select one) <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Citizen <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent Resident	Branch of Service (Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, or Space Force)
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 their doctoral program at \$27,324 per year.	
Chair Name: _____	
Department: _____	
Signature: _____	Date: _____



2026 Veteran's Fellowship Checklist

Supporting documentation to be included with nomination:

Nomination Form

Cover letter from the Graduate Program Director

Student's personal statement

Student's resume/ CV