FIU University Graduate School
FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

UGS Excellence Award for Graduate Student *Outstanding Creative Project*

April 16, 2026

PURPOSE

The **Graduate Student Outstanding Creative Project** recognizes nominees who have outstanding creative activity of local or national significance.

ELIGIBILITY

- Nominees must be currently enrolled graduate students, fully admitted to a degree-granting program (certificate students are not eligible).
- Nominations must be submitted by a faculty nominator. Self-nominations will not be accepted.

NOMINATION DEADLINE

11:59 pm on Wednesday, February 25, 2026

CRITERIA

Nominees will be evaluated based on the quality of their work. The following criteria will determine excellence. All nominees will be subject to the same criteria:

- Margin of excellence - contributions that enhance the discipline as demonstrated by the recognition of peers and brings prestige to the university because of their quality and artistic distinction (may include publications/recognition, etc).
- International/National/Community value - creative activities that enhance the mission of the university.
- Will be awarded for a single significant creative project.

DOCUMENTATION

- **Curriculum Vitae**: Must be submitted along with the faculty letter(s) of nomination.
- **Letter(s) of Recommendation**: Letter from the nominator(s) explaining why the nominee should receive this award. Minimum requirement is three letters, at least one from a faculty member – *letters should specifically address the evaluation criteria listed above.*
- **Outstanding Creative Project**: A copy or documentation of the specific paper or project for which the student is being nominated (documentation can include pictures, videos, etc).

NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS: Please visit the Graduate Student Outstanding Creative Project Nomination Form to submit your nomination.

AWARD AMOUNT

One award is available in the amount of $2,000.00. Recipients will be invited to attend the UGS Excellence Awards Reception on Thursday, April 16, 2026.