

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAM

2017-2018

The Emerging Leaders Program is yearlong leadership development opportunity designed for master's and doctoral students who are nearing completion of the *terminal* graduate degree in their discipline and who seek to gain or strengthen their leadership capabilities. Sponsored and funded by the UGA Graduate School, the Emerging Leaders Program will help participants gain insight into their personal leadership styles, develop skills necessary for entering a workplace characterized by diversity of people, and plan for future career opportunities. Participants will develop action projects on campus or in the local community that demonstrate these skills.

The primary event during the fall semester will be a 2½-day intensive professional development workshop that will be held during Fall Break, October 26-28, 2017. During the spring semester, the group will design and implement one or more action projects on campus and/or in the community. A showcase of the action project(s) will be held on April 3, 2018. In addition, the group will meet at other times during the year, including an introductory meeting in early fall and a book discussion in the spring.

Students must submit an application form, a personal essay, and a curriculum vitae or resume to included with a letter of nomination from their advisor or graduate coordinator. To be eligible, students should be within approximately 1 to 2 years of their planned degree completion (final year of a terminal master's degree) with plans to graduate in May 2018 or later.

The Graduate School seeks nominees who represent the broadest possible diversity within the graduate student population at UGA. Applicants interested in additional information may visit the Emerging Leaders website <http://grad.uga.edu/index.php/current-students/professional-development/emerging-leaders-program/>.

Deadline for submission of nominations is **Friday, May 12, 2017**. A complete application file should be sent as an email attachment to ELNominate@uga.edu. Students will be notified by e-mail about the selection decisions.

Students selected for the Emerging Leaders Program will be expected to participate fully in all program activities, including the fall retreat, Thursday afternoon, October 26 through Saturday afternoon, October 28, and the action project and showcase on April 3, as well as other activities, including pre- and post-program assignments, book discussion, and other meetings.

The program is funded by the Graduate School. Please note that participants in the Emerging Leaders Program are responsible for their own transportation to and from the workshop site in north Georgia (the Graduate School will assist in coordinating carpool arrangements).

Each applicant should submit the following material (in order) in one Adobe Acrobat .pdf file:

1. Completed application information, first page of the [application form](#)
2. Essay (two-page maximum) from nominee, pages 2-3 of the [application form](#)
3. Letter of recommendation from advisor or graduate coordinator that provides a candid evaluation of the nominee's qualifications, skills, and potential for leadership
4. Curriculum vitae or resume of nominee
5. Verification of expected date of degree completion from advisor (information may be included in letter from professor or graduate coordinator)

The file should be named with the last name of the student and department (e.g., milton_history), and submitted as an email attachment to ELNominate@uga.edu by **Friday, May 12, 2017**. For additional information, please contact Judy Milton, jmilton@uga.edu.