

## THE GRADUATE SCHOOL EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAM

2020-2021

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The Emerging Leaders Program is a competitively selected leadership development opportunity sponsored and funded by the University of Georgia Graduate School. This program is designed for master's and doctoral students who are completing the *terminal* graduate degree in their department and who seek to gain or strengthen their leadership capabilities. The 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.

This year, the Emerging Leaders Program has been planned in a virtual format, with meetings scheduled on the following Friday afternoons:

- October 16, 3:00-5:00 pm/ET
- October 30 (Fall Break) 11:00 am-4:00 pm\*/ET
- November 13, 3:00-5:00 pm/ET
- January 15, 3:00-5:00 pm/ET
- January 22, 3:00-5:00 pm/ET
- February 5, 3:00-5:00 pm/ET
- February 19, 3:00-5:00 pm/ET
- March – Celebration (date TBD)\*

\*October 30<sup>th</sup> and March meetings may be held in person at a location in Athens, if health and safety conditions permit, in consultation with the participants.

Topics for these meetings will include development of knowledge and skills for personal leadership, team building, emotional intelligence, change leadership, career competencies and transferable skills, and sustained dialogue.

***Students selected for the Emerging Leaders Program will be expected to participate fully in all program activities, attending all of the scheduled meetings.*** Participants also will be expected to complete all assigned pre- and post-meeting work.

To apply, students need to submit an application form, a personal essay, and a curriculum vitae or resume and a letter of recommendation from their advisor or graduate coordinator. 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 <https://grad.uga.edu/index.php/current-students/professional-development/emerging-leaders-program/>.

Deadline for submission of applications is **Monday, October 5, 2020**. Students should combine their application form, including the essay, and resume into a single file and send as an email attachment [ELNominate@uga.edu](mailto:ELNominate@uga.edu). The graduate advisor or Graduate Coordinator should submit the separate letter of recommendation, including verification of expected date of degree completion, to [ELNominate@uga.edu](mailto:ELNominate@uga.edu). Students will be notified by e-mail about the selection decisions.

The program is fully funded by the Graduate School. Please note that participants in the Emerging

Leaders Program are responsible for their own transportation if the October 30<sup>th</sup> and March meetings, if it is decided to hold workshops in-person at an Athens location.

Each applicant should compile (in order) the following material into a single 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. Curriculum vitae or resume

The file should be named with the last name of the student and department (e.g., milton\_history), and submitted as a single email attachment to [ELNominate@uga.edu](mailto:ELNominate@uga.edu) by **Monday, October 5, 2020.**

In addition, applicant should ask their graduate advisor or Graduate Coordinator to submit:

1. Letter of recommendation from advisor or graduate coordinator that provides a candid evaluation of the nominee's qualifications, skills, and potential for leadership
2. Verification of expected date of degree completion from advisor (information may be included in letter from advisor or graduate coordinator)

For additional information, please contact Judy Milton, [jmilton@uga.edu](mailto:jmilton@uga.edu).