CAHNRS Graduate Student Leadership Award

Graduate students are presently afforded multiple opportunities to be recognized for outstanding academics or scholarship. In contrast, there are few opportunities for them to be recognized for their leadership. The College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences Graduate Student Leadership Award recognizes and celebrates graduate students who have demonstrated leadership that has positively impacted their unit, college, campus, or wider community. The award is not just for longstanding leaders; it is reserved for those who made significant positive contributions or improvements to the operations and functions of these programs, initiatives, or organizations. The winner will receive a $1,000 award. Awards to graduate students will be dispersed through the student’s university account. Awards may be subject to tax withholding.

To be eligible to participate, entrants must be a graduate student in good academic standing and be registered during the semester of nomination. Self-nominations will not be accepted. Please collect the required information and documents (the nominee must write the narrative portion).

As part of the submission form, you will be asked to attach the following:

- **CV or resume**
- **Narrative response (maximum of two pages; must be written by the nominee):**
  - Describe specific contributions you have made to either your department, the college, WSU, or to the wider communities, and showcase how your efforts provided a positive impact.
  - Make sure to explain how your contributions exemplifies leadership qualities you have gained and/or developed through your experience as a graduate student.
- **One letter of reference (submitted with the application form)**
  - The letter should speak to the nominee’s general leadership abilities, and the specific impact of the nominee’s efforts within the campus or community.

**Selection Procedure**

Members of the selection committee will consist of the Executive Leadership Team, which will be chaired by the dean. All nominations will be reviewed, and a decision will be made based on the above criteria.