Graduate Student Ambassador Award Application Information

To apply, please go to [www.the-aps.org/awardapps](http://www.the-aps.org/awardapps) and login or create a new profile if you have not applied for an APS award previously. If you already have a login, BE SURE to update your profile (see the burgundy button right above the page title, “Online Awards Applications”).

On your profile, please complete all of the questions, including the demographic questions on gender, race, and ethnicity and save by clicking “Update Profile” at the bottom of the profile page. This will take you back to the Online Awards Applications page. Click on Apply for Myself Now and select the Graduate Student Ambassador Award from the list of available awards.

**Award Profile**

1. Have you passed your qualifying / preliminary exams?
   a. Yes
   b. No
   c. Other [with comment box]

2. Year and month PhD. expected

3. Please upload your current Curriculum Vitae.

4. Do you use social media to share personal and/or professional content? (Select one)
   a. No, I do not use social media
   b. Yes, personal content only
   c. Yes, professional content only
   d. Yes, both personal and professional content

5. Which platforms do you use regularly? (Check all that apply).
   a. I do not use social media regularly
   b. Facebook
   c. Twitter
   d. Instagram

6. List any other social media platforms that you use regularly.

7. For all your social media postings collectively, how often do you post professional and/or science related content? (Check one)
   a. I do not use social media
   b. Every day
   c. Several times a week
   d. Several times a month
   e. Several times a year
   f. Never

8. Comment on your social media use to promote science, career information, and physiology. If you do not currently use social media, comment on your willingness to learn to do so as a GSA.
9. Which of the following APS awards have you ALREADY received? (Check all that apply)
   o APS Minority Travel Award
   o APS Section award
   o APS Undergraduate Research Excellence Award (UGREF)
   o APS Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowship Award (UGSRF)
   o Dale J. Benos Early Career Professional Service Award
   o David S. Bruce Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Research
   o K-12 Minority Outreach Fellowship
   o Porter Physiology Development Fellow
   o Professional Skills Training Course Participant
   o Other APS awardee or activities participant

10. Have you done any of the following? (Check all that apply)
    o Been a student member of an APS Standing Committee (e.g., Education, Science Policy, TAC, etc.)
    o Been a student member of a Section or Chapter Steering Committee (e.g., WEH Section, Gulf Coast Chapter, etc.)
    o Done outreach through PhUn Week

11. Did you submit an abstract for Experimental Biology (EB) this year (that is, in the last few weeks)? If so, please upload a PDF with the abstract, titles, and authors.

Part 1: Please write 3 short essays addressing the following topics:
1) Describe your area of research in layperson’s terms (100 words or less).
2) Describe the skills you possess that would qualify you to serve as a GSA? (200 words or less) For example:
   a. Previous leadership roles/positions you have held or are currently holding and identify pertinent leadership skills
   b. Oral presentations and/or teaching experience(s)
   c. Current or former mentoring experience
   d. Experience you have working with or educating diverse groups of people
3) The GSA position is a 2-year term; Please discuss what you hope to accomplish in the 1st and 2nd year, if you are selected as GSA. (200 words or less)
   a. Please include a list of 3-5 undergraduate institutions with which you would be able to establish collaborations.
   b. Include specific contact information for each institution.
Part 2: Letters of Recommendation

A letter of recommendation must accompany this application. This should be from your graduate mentor or P.I. You will enter his/her email in the application. The award system will request a letter from him/her.

YOU MUST send a separate email to your mentor/PI indicating that s/he will receive an email from the APS award system requesting a recommendation for you. We recommend that you share the GSA program description (on the website) and the following description of the recommendation letter with your mentor/PI:

**P.I./Mentor:** Please describe the skills and characteristics this candidate embodies that qualify him/her to serve as a GSA. In addition, please state your approval of and support for the candidate to serve as a GSA, including your understanding that this individual will be required to have responsibilities that extend outside the lab. Please include any special attributes, thoughts on whether this position will impact or enhance the applicant’s educational progress, and descriptions of his/her commitment to the lab, department and community.

**PLEASE NOTE:** It is incumbent on YOU, the applicant, to assure that your mentor/PI receives the email request from the awards system (that is, that you entered the correct email and that it did not end up in his/her spam box) and that s/he completes the letter and uploads it by the deadline.

If you have questions about the program or application, please send them to education@the-aps.org with the subject line “GSA program.”