Nature of the Grant: The Graduate Leadership Institute (GLI) will provide up to $1000 of support for graduate students seeking non-credit bearing professional development and training opportunities to further develop their academic and professional skills. Eligible activities include, but are not limited to, training workshops, short courses, conferences (where the student has not submitted an abstract*), etc. Additionally, opportunities that will broaden the applicant’s skillset beyond their academic field of study (i.e. leadership training, project management short course, etc.) are encouraged.

Due to COVID-19 applications that propose travel will not be considered during this grant cycle

Eligibility: To be considered applicant must:

- Be a registered graduate school student (PhD, MS, MA, MFA, MLAS) in good standing.
- Have completed one full academic year in the Graduate School.
- Have authorization from their department (application will require DGS approval).
- Complete and expense proposed training/professional development activities between January 1, 2021 and June 14, 2021.

Due to the gap around the end of the Fiscal Year, applications that include June & July expenses that can be prepaid (hotels, airfare, registration fees, etc.) will be considered, but recipients must expense those costs by June 14th.

- Not have exceeded award limits**:
  - Students are allowed (1) Professional Development & Training grant per academic year
  - During their Graduate School tenure master’s students are eligible to receive (1) Professional Development & Training Grant and PhD students are eligible to receive (2) Professional Development & Training grants.

NOTE: We ask that students be responsible stewards of GLI resources. Students who apply for the grant must be prepared to use the funds as proposed. If the awardee cannot move forward with the proposed activity, they must notify the GLI immediately. Recipients who fail to use their funding, barring extenuating circumstances, will be ineligible for future GLI Professional Development & Training awards.

Deadline: Sunday, November 22, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.
Application available at: https://vanderbilt.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1827645

Application Materials:

1. Completed Online Application Form
2. Upload a 1-page Statement of Purpose (with budget justification)
3. Upload a CV: 2-page maximum.

* Applications for travel to a conference where an abstract to present has been submitted are not eligible for a GLI travel grant. Please see GLI Professional Development & Training Grant FAQs for more information.

**Award limits include any Travel Grants awarded through the GLI in 2019 and 2020.

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