



2021 ACCA CONFERENCE NAVIGATING CHALLENGES LEADING OUR FUTURE

Emerging Leader Grant for 2020-2021

THE APPLICATION DUE DATE HAS BEEN EXTENDED!!!

*****The Emerging Leader Grant Application is now due by December 4th, 2020.*****

The American College Counseling Association (ACCA) is pleased to invite applications from graduate students and new professionals for the Emerging Leader Grant (ELG) to attend either the [ACCA](#) or [ACA \(American Counseling Association\)](#) Annual Conferences in 2021. Applicants must be willing to attend and serve in the ELG position at either conference as assigned by the ACCA selection committee.

Graduate students must be actively enrolled in a master's or doctoral graduate counseling program (e.g. clinical mental health, clinical psychology, counselor education and supervision). New professionals are those working in college counseling within 2 years of matriculating from a counseling graduate program, or within 2 years of transitioning from another counseling profession into college counseling. College counseling includes a variety of professions such as mental health, career, or disability services.

The review and selection committee will typically be comprised of the Graduate Student Member-at-Large (GS-MAL), an Executive Council Member, the ACCA Graduate Student & New Professionals (GSNP) Committee Chair/Co-chair and/or members, and previous ELG recipients. Throughout the process, the GS-MAL will be the primary contact person for questions by applicants as well as assistance, support and follow-up with ELG recipients throughout the year.

The Emerging Leader Grant covers the cost of the ACCA or ACA conference registration only. This is NOT a cash/monies grant.

ACCA Emerging Leaders responsibilities prior, during and after the ACCA or ACA conferences:

- Maintain active paid membership of ACA and ACCA at application, at time of application and, if chosen, throughout one's time as an Emerging Leader.
- Be informed about ACCA as an organization and willing assist with the ACCA or ACA conference as needed.

- Write a short reflection essay within one (1) month after the conference. Additional information about the content for the essay will be provided to recipients after the conference. Note: Essays may be quoted in ACCA promotional materials for next year's conference.
- Serve on an ACCA committee for one year.
- Submit feedback on the ELG program at the end of the year.
- Optional: Assist in the review and selection process for next year's ELG recipients.

Duties for those chosen to attend the ACCA Virtual Conference--February 18 and 19, 2021

- Attend the ACCA virtual conference.
- Be available for a variety of opportunities for connection and service leadership training provided by ACCA board members. Specifics will be determined closer to conference time.

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The Process:

- A).** Applications are due **electronically** by email by email to Amy Broadwater @ broadwaterar@gmail.com Submit all materials as **PDF files**. No applications will be accepted in any form other than electronically. The ELG review committee will examine all applications for eligibility.
- B).** Applications must include **ALL** of the following (7 items):
1. Join or reinstate membership in ACCA and ACA [here](#). When joining ACA, add ACCA as a division. Include your ACA membership # in the application.
 2. Completed application form: [Emerging Leader Application](#)
 3. A resume or curriculum vitae.
 4. One letter of recommendation from a current or recent faculty member or employer. **Note: No recommendation letters from colleagues, classmates, family or friends will be accepted.**
 5. One letter of recommendation from a most recent site internship supervisor. **Note: No recommendation letters from colleagues, classmates, family or friends will be accepted.**
 6. Professional narrative: A typed, double-spaced narrative (one page minimum, two pages maximum) describing your past and current scholarly activities (e.g. presentations, publications, research projects) and/or professional service (i.e. within a college campus community, professional organizations, committees, etc.) **contributing to the future of the college counseling profession**. You may also include describing how receiving this honor and attending the conference will **impact your future research and/or professional work within college counseling**.
 7. Diversity and Inclusion statement: ACCA is fully committed to diversity, inclusion and multicultural competence. As such, write a short statement (double-spaced, 1 to 2 pages, typed) on how your current and/or future work will **contribute to this commitment in the context of college counseling**. You are welcome to include how your identities and life experiences have shaped your professional commitment to diversity, inclusion and multicultural competence.

- C). Decisions are based on the quality of the submitted information and each category is given consideration in the overall score. The ELG review committee will conduct a blind review of the applications to select grant recipients.
- D). All ELG applicants will be notified by email regarding their application status. Those awarded an Emerging Leader Grant will be sent a separate email with further information about conference registration.

Eligibility requirements:

- A). Applicants must be a student or new professional member of ACA and ACCA. Individuals who are not current members must affiliate with ACCA as a division within ACA in order to be considered for this award. To join ACA and ACCA, please visit the [ACA webpage](#) for membership information and **forward your confirmation email of your membership to the GS-MAL.** The review committee chair will confirm verification of membership in ACA and ACCA before considering your application.
- B). Applicants cannot have previously received an Emerging Leader Grant from ACCA.

[Emerging Leader Grant Application](#)

Deadline: November 16th, 2020 (Monday) at midnight (12am CST)

Questions can be directed to:

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