



Application Procedure

The fellowship program cannot accept applications submitted directly by individual candidates. Each of the colleges and universities invited to participate in the Gridiron Leaders Foundation (GLF) Fellowship Program has designated a member of its faculty or administration to serve as the campus liaison for this program. A nominating institution may submit *three* nominations each year. A liaison on campus will establish an internal application deadline, as well as any internal procedure for reviewing candidates. Each nominating institution must submit completed applications for its nominees to GLF no later than March 15th.

Nomination and Selection Process

Nominations can be made by any faculty athletic representative (FAR) or international program officer (IPO). The application form should be filled out in entirety before the deadline of March 15th for those applying in the current calendar year. The application must also include an undergraduate transcript, two passport photos and three letters of recommendation.

Following a first round of applicant evaluations, program staff will schedule interviews with nominees in March and April either in person or via Skype or telephone. On or before May 1st, all fellows will have been named and program staff will begin to finalize team and work placements in China. In August, a program orientation will be held in Shanghai in order to acclimatize fellows before arriving in their host city.

Nominee Eligibility & Requirements:

The aim of the program is to award individuals who demonstrate excellence, both on and off the field, with the opportunity to travel and gain hands-on experience in a leadership role, and an understanding of China. Personal qualities such as flexibility, adaptability, creativity, humility, openness to new ideas, and sensitivity to cultural differences are as important as academic and athletic achievement. The following criteria must be met:

- Previously played American football on a Collegiate level or in their final playing season.
- Have an overall undergraduate minimum cumulative average grade point of 3.00 (based on 4.00 scale).
- Exhibit the values of American Football beyond the minimum requirements, which include, but are not limited to: Leadership, Accountability, Teamwork, Sportsmanship, Passion, and Citizenship.

- Have no criminal record in the last 10 years nor received any academic or athletic suspension during their collegiate career.
- Possess a keen interest in both learning and teaching in an environment and culture different to their own.
- Recognized as an outstanding citizens among their peers and in their local community.

In addition, campus and community involvement, volunteer activity, and passion for teaching reflect the characteristics necessary to thrive in the GLF program. Applicants should emphasize non-football related activities in their personal statement and application. Successful candidates will have demonstrated a record of high achievement, leadership, and a desire for lifelong learning.

Application Documents

1. **The Gridiron Leaders Fellowship Application.** Please use the application form provided. Do not attach a separate resume. Use the two-page Personal Statement to discuss (a) long-term career interests, and how they have developed; (b) your understanding of leadership; and (c) reasons for applying to the Fellowship Program. Please be sure to complete the Contact Information form with as much detail as possible to facilitate the scheduling of interviews. Applicants should submit application documents in electronic form to their FAR or IPO.
2. **FAR or IPO Nomination.** Please provide a formal nomination letter from either office.
3. **College Transcripts.** Please provide all post-high school academic records.
4. **Two Letters of Recommendation.** Letters should be signed and represent a range of coaches, professors, and community service references.
5. **Two Photos.** Supply recent passport-size photos.

Gridiron Leaders Fellowship Program Contact Information Form

FULL NAME

CURRENT ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP

HOME # CELL #

EMAIL

SKYPE NAME

NOMINATING INSTITUTION

Indicate below your expected whereabouts (including dates) from November through February. Please give address and telephone numbers, if different from those given above, through which you can most easily be contacted during that period. This information is vitally important for the scheduling of preliminary and final interviews.

Please forward any questions you have to fellowship@chinagridiron.com

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1. **Name** FIRST, MI
LAST
Nickname(s)

2. **Nominating Institution**

3. **Age** **Date of Birth**

4. **Citizenship** **Place of Birth**

5. If candidate for a degree program, please indicate your **degree**

If not, indicate **current occupation**

6. **Field of Professional Interest**

7. **Current Address** STREET

CITY STATE ZIP

Telephone MOBILE OTHER

Email

8. **Permanent Address** (if different from above) STREET CITY

STATE ZIP

PHONE NUMBER

9. The Gridiron Leaders Fellowship officially begins with an orientation session in Shanghai in August, and ends with a wrap-up meeting in a pre-determined location in April the following year. Fellows are expected to remain in China throughout their fellowship year. Do you have any commitments or obligations that will prevent you from participating in the program fully?

Yes No

If yes, please explain in the space provided in Question 23.

10. Contact information for parents or next of kin in the U.S. for emergency contact.

NAME RELATIONSHIP

STREET

CITY STATE ZIP

Telephone MOBILE OTHER

Email

11. Name of hometown newspaper

12. List in reverse chronological order of high school and all post-secondary educational and professional schools attended.

INSTITUTION	FIELD (S) OF STUDY DATES ATTENDED DEGREE (MAJOR) (YEAR-YEAR)		DATE RECEIVED OR EXPECTED
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13. List other schools or special training programs (including dates, subjects and certificates).

14. List in reverse chronological order your professional experiences, including current ones if applicable.

1) NAME AND LOCATION OF EMPLOYER

YOUR TITLE DATES OF POSITION

NATURE OF WORK

2) NAME AND LOCATION OF EMPLOYER

YOUR TITLE DATES OF POSITION

NATURE OF WORK

3) NAME AND LOCATION OF EMPLOYER

YOUR TITLE DATES OF POSITION

NATURE OF WORK

4) NAME AND LOCATION OF EMPLOYER

YOUR TITLE DATES OF POSITION

NATURE OF WORK

- 15. Please list your major non-academic activities since graduating from high school. Briefly explain the nature of your involvement and any significant achievements. Keep your response to 500 words or less.**

- 16. List any scientific, professional or artistic societies of which you are a member, creative works you have made, or articles you have published.**

- 17. List any specific honors, awards, or fellowships you have previously received.**

18. Have you lived or traveled in any foreign country? If yes, state the year, country, length of time and purpose (business, education, vacation or other).

19. List languages (other than English) of which you have studied and indicate you your present level of proficiency (excellent, good, basic).

20. List the four college courses that have been of the greatest value to you and explain why (in one sentence each).

21. Do you have any illness or disability that would restrict you from working in a foreign environment?

22. Have you ever been arrested or convicted of any offense (excluding traffic violations)? If answered yes, please give detail.

23. Please use this space to tell us anything else that may be relevant to your application.

24. Personal Statement

Personal statements should not exceed 1,200 words. Please use this space to expand on your background.

[COPY AND PASTE YOUR PERSONAL STATEMENT BELOW]