



CALS AMBASSADOR
Application for the Academic Year
2022-2023

The Ambassadors are a select group of students in the University of Florida's College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in academics and student leadership.

The Ambassadors support food, agriculture, natural resources and life sciences throughout the state of Florida. Their objective is to create awareness of the academic programs and career opportunities in those areas among students, teachers, advisors and the general public in the state of Florida. They meet this objective by speaking at high schools, community colleges and civic organizations within the state of Florida and at national events.

As the official hosts for UF/IFAS and CALS functions, they assist with many events including alumni gatherings throughout Florida, where they provide a vital link between alumni, CALS and UF/IFAS.

Serving as an Ambassador is an honor and distinction. No academic credit is offered, and the experience can be 1-2 years in length.

Application Deadline:
Tuesday, February 23, 2022 by 4:24 p.m.

Do you want to know more about being a CALS Ambassador?
Email: Jenai Collins, Program Assistant jenai@ufl.edu

<https://cals.ufl.edu/ambassadors/>



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

*Application deadline is Wednesday, February 23rd, by 4:24 PM. Return completed applications to 2020 McCarty Hall D attention Jenai Collins. **Electronic versions of the application will not be accepted.***

The CALS Ambassador program is beginning its 28th year and is recognized as one of the best student Ambassador programs in the nation. Selected applicants will be contacted and invited to arrange an interview time. **Interviews will be scheduled for Monday March 21, 2022, in McCarty Hall D room 2025.** The competitive selection process consists of several requirements and activities:

1. Applications will be reviewed by a panel, and candidates will be selected for an interview. ***You will be notified either way by email.***
2. You are required to submit a 30 second TikTok type video. Video quality is not a factor in this process; we simply want you to be creative and fun. We encourage you to use your phone (or a friend's) for this task. Make sure your video **is oriented vertical**. Submit your video via Dropbox at cemer@ufl.edu. This video must be submitted by the application deadline for your application to be complete.

Examples of themes you could choose or come up with your own:

- **Where you started and where you are now in CALS**
 - **Living my best life in CALS!**
 - **I was today years old when I learned about CALS...**
 - **A CALS “life” hack you didn’t know you needed**
 - **Favorite things about CALS**
3. As part of the **interview** process you will prepare a *three-minute engaging activity* that could be used with middle or high school students to promote the college, our majors, and other benefits of CALS. You may use visual aids or props such as game pieces, koosh balls, etc. to help in presenting the activity. **Electronic visual aids of any kind are prohibited. Highlight your creativity.** Treat this as you would a presentation to a group of prospective students.
 4. Following your presentation, the selection panel will ask a series of questions.

APPLICANTS MUST:

- Have two references of your choice complete the Qualtrics recommendation form. (UF academic advisor, professor, staff)
- Attach a current resume.
- Be a rising sophomore, junior or senior (seniors must have a full year of availability: fall 2022 and spring 2023)
- Be enrolled in one of the 23 majors in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences.
- Attend the Ambassador Training Conference on **August 16-18, 2022** – This is **MANDATORY**, meaning not negotiable. The conference requires 3 days and 2 nights on location. All expenses and arrangements are handled by the CALS Dean’s Office.
- You will be expected to **attend UF Freshman Convocation** as your first official CALS Ambassador event in August **TBD, 2022.**
- Have a minimum GPA of 2.5.
- Be highly motivated, energetic, and dependable.
- Be able to demonstrate outstanding leadership skills.
- Be a team player.
- **Attend regularly scheduled bi-monthly meetings.** Meetings are MANDATORY unless you have a CLASS conflict. Work schedules are not considered.
- Be willing to travel and participate in **evening and weekend activities along with on campus activities as requested.** This means you are exceptional at time management!

HOW TO SUBMIT REFERENCE LETTERS

Use this link to submit the names of individuals who will serve as a reference for you:

https://ufl.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_07Zih6C1QcN4T1c

You will be asked to provide the following

- First and Last Name of two references
- Position
- Department/Business, etc.
- Email

Be sure to read the *directions and stipulations* before submitting this information. Once submitted your references will receive a link from the CALS Dean's Office to complete a Qualtrics survey on your behalf, no actual *letter* will be required or accepted. Letters must be submitted electronically by Wednesday, March 9th, 2022 @ 11:59 pm.

SUGGESTIONS FOR INTERVIEW SUCCESS

Here are a few suggestions to help you prepare to be a successful candidate:

- Be on time to your interview.
- Dress professionally – **Business Attire!**
- Be prepared and do your homework (familiarize yourself with UF, CALS and IFAS Programs).
- Give some thought to your skills and qualities and use visual aids that are creative and interesting.

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Personal Information

Name:		UF ID:
Local Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone #1 :		Phone #2:
E-Mail Address:		@ufl.edu
Permanent Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
DOB:	Home Town Newspaper: & address	

Education

Classification:	Expected Graduation Date:	GPA:
Major:	Minor:	
Will you be enrolled Summer A 2022?	Summer B 2022?	

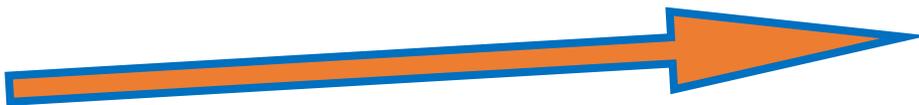
Please list courses you plan to take in the next year.

Summer	Fall	Spring

When did you enter the University of Florida?

Term (select one):	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL	FRESHMAN	TRANSFER STUDENT
YEAR					

Important NOTE: The remainder of this application should be **HANDWRITTEN!**



We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.
 - Aristotle

The College of Agricultural and Life Sciences offers _____ majors and _____ specializations.

This summer, I plan to:

My perfect job is:

List three reasons why serving as a CALS Ambassador is important to you:

My top two weaknesses are:

Draw a picture/illustration reflecting your long term goals.

Write the name of the Dean for the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences above the word "draw" on this page.

*You have to be willing to grow, to push your talents to the outer limits.
- Stedman Graham*

List five qualities you believe will contribute to your effectiveness as an Ambassador:

Write while using the opposite hand you usually use to write—this box only.

List 5 things you love to do. It could be singing, dancing, looking at magazines, running, studying, etc.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

How often do you read your emails? Be honest!
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Differences challenge assumptions. – Anne Wilson Schaef

If there was a movie produced about your life, who would play you and why, and what would be the name of the movie?

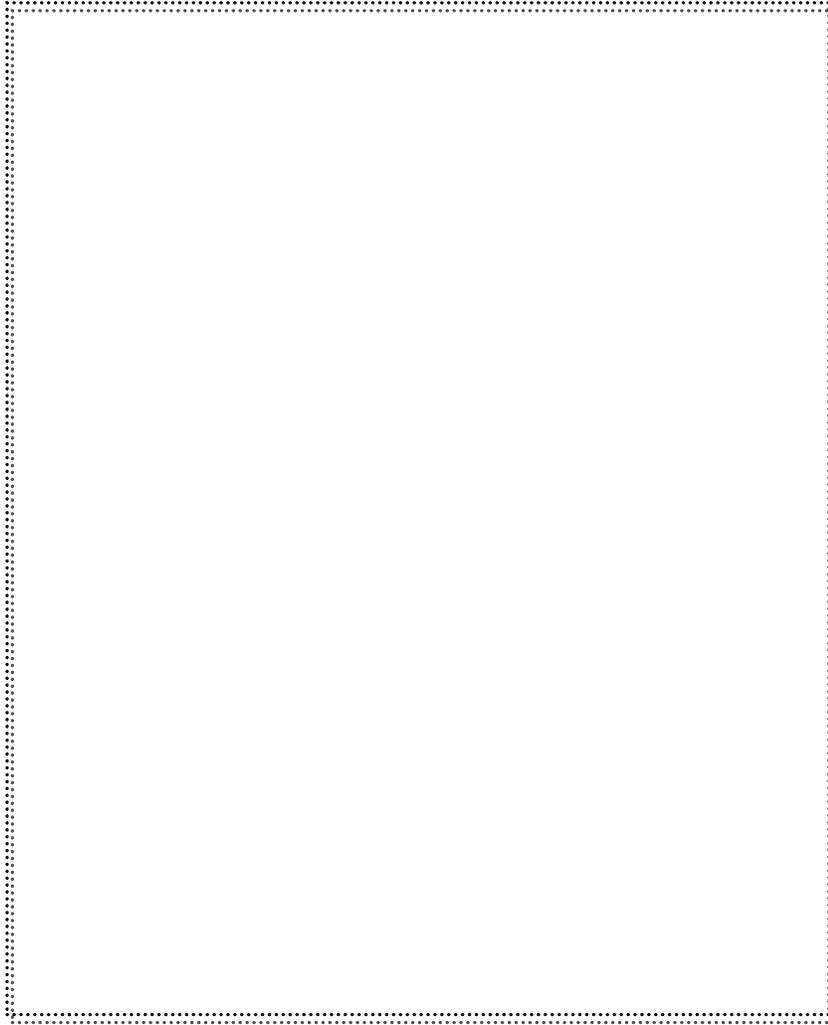


I learned about the CALS Ambassador Program from:

What is the name of the college you are in? This is not a trick question.

- 1. List three interesting facts about UF, CALS and/or UF/ IFAS. Write them around the outside perimeter of this page.*
- 2. Approximately how many undergraduate and graduate students are currently enrolled in CALS?*

Attach a 4x6 photo professional style headshot of yourself here.



Don't forget to attach your resume!

Please accept my application for the 2022-2023 CALS Ambassador Team. I certify that I am/will be enrolled in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, my grade point average is 2.5 or higher, I am in good academic standing and that I have read and agree to the requirements of being a CALS Ambassador.

Student's Signature

Date

**Have references complete Qualtrics
recommendation form.**

