

# **LUCILLE AND DERBY DUSTIN FUTURE SCHOLARS PROGRAM**

**sponsored by  
ACADEMY OF LEISURE SCIENCES,  
SOCIETY OF PARK AND RECREATION EDUCATORS,  
NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION**

## **2007 APPLICATION PACKET**

Dear Future Scholars Program Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Lucille and Derby Dustin Future Scholars Program sponsored by the Academy of Leisure Sciences, the Society of Park and Recreation Educators, and the National Recreation and Park Association. This packet includes information that you will need to complete your application.

The purpose of the Future Scholars Program is to provide graduate students who are interested in pursuing a doctorate in an area related to recreation and leisure studies the opportunity to meet some of the outstanding researchers and scholars in this field. To accomplish this purpose, selected applicants will be invited to attend the National Recreation and Park Association Annual Congress as guests of the Academy of Leisure Sciences and the Society of Park and Recreation Educators (SPRE). The selected Future Scholars receive complementary registration for the Congress plus \$1000 to cover transportation, lodging, and meal expenses.

At the conference, Future Scholars will have an opportunity to interact with researchers and authors of textbooks in our field. In addition, they attend meetings of the Academy of Leisure Sciences, the Leisure Research Symposium, the SPRE annual banquet, NRPA educational sessions, and other social functions. This is an excellent opportunity for students to ask questions about the field and inquire about doctoral program opportunities.

This packet includes: eligibility criteria, selection criteria, instructions for applying, an application form, and a note for faculty sponsors.

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### **ELIGIBILITY: INDIVIDUALS WHO MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY.**

- Completed or are currently enrolled in a masters degree program but have not yet committed to doctoral study at a particular university.
- Not currently enrolled in a doctoral program nor will you be at the time of the 2007 Congress.
- Have a major interest in pursuing a doctoral degree in recreation and parks, leisure studies, tourism, or recreation resource management.
- Plan to initiate doctoral studies within the next three years.
- Maintained a grade point average of at least 3.0 during your undergraduate and graduate studies.
- Can attend the NRPA Annual Congress in Indianapolis, Indiana, from Sept 25-29, 2007.
- Will become a member of the National Recreation and Park Association if selected.

### **SELECTION CRITERIA: FUTURE SCHOLARS ARE SELECTED FROM AMONG ALL APPLICANTS WITH CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA.**

- Academic ability (based on GPA and faculty sponsor letter).
- Indications of scholarly potential in this field (based on publications, presentations, research experience, and/or faculty sponsor letter).
- Strength of intention to pursue doctoral studies in a leisure-related subject (based on applicant's cover letter and faculty sponsor letter).
- General level of professionalism (based on format and depth of application materials, presentation of written materials, and professional involvement).

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS: A COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKET WILL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING FIVE COMPONENTS.**

1. Cover letter with descriptions of:
  - (a) your major areas of interest in recreation and parks, leisure studies, recreation resource management, or a related field;
  - (b) your academic and career plans for the future;
  - (c) what you want to get out of a doctoral degree;
  - (d) areas of research you might pursue within a doctoral program;
  - (e) how you will benefit from participating in the Future Scholars Program.
2. Completed application form.
3. Current resume including your educational and occupational experience.
4. Transcripts of all your academic work in higher education (these do not need to be official transcripts).
5. One (1) letter of sponsorship from a faculty member in recreation, parks, tourism, leisure studies, or a closely related field who is able to speak to your academic strengths (see attached Faculty Sponsor letter which you should give to that individual).

**NOTE: Only one student from any particular university will be selected in any given year.**  
Address questions to Dr. Samdahl at dsamdahl@uga.edu.

**SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION: APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY APRIL 15, 2007. NOTIFICATION WILL BE MADE AROUND JUNE 1, 2007.**

**Four copies** of the entire application packet should be mailed to:

**Dr. Diane M. Samdahl  
Recreation and Leisure Studies Program  
343 Ramsey / 300 River Road  
University of Georgia  
Athens, Georgia 30602-6555  
U.S.A.**

**ATTENTION: Future Scholars Program**

*Thank you for your interest in the Future Scholars Program. We hope you will apply!*

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**APPLICANT'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PREFERRED TELEPHONE NUMBER(S)** between May-October 2007:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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**ADDRESS(ES) AT WHICH YOU WILL RECEIVE MAIL** between May-October, 2007:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Number and Street)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State/Province) (Zip)

**CURRENT ACADEMIC STATUS** (check one):

- Currently enrolled in a masters program: date of anticipated graduation \_\_\_\_\_
- Already completed a masters degree
- Other: please explain \_\_\_\_\_

**CURRENT AND PAST COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY ENROLLMENT**

College/University #1 \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_  
Degree received? \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

College/University #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_  
Degree received? \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

College/University #3 \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_  
Degree received? \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

***I hereby apply to the 2007 Lucille and Derby Dustin Future Scholars Program. I am interested in pursuing a doctorate in recreation and parks, leisure studies, recreation resource management, or a related field of study. If selected, I plan to attend the 2007 NRPA Congress in Indianapolis, Indiana (September 25-29), participate in a series of activities and programs designed to help me find out more about the field and opportunities for doctoral studies, and join the National Recreation and Park Association.***

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT: GIVE THIS FORM TO THE FACULTY MEMBER  
WHO HAS AGREED TO SPONSOR YOUR APPLICATION FOR THE  
LUCILLE AND DERBY DUSTIN FUTURE SCHOLARS PROGRAM**

Date: March 2007

To: University Faculty Sponsor

From: Dr. Diane M. Samdahl, Chair  
2007 Lucille and Derby Dustin Future Scholars Committee

Re: Lucille and Derby Dustin Future Scholars Program

Thank you for sponsoring one of your outstanding graduate students for the Lucille and Derby Dustin Future Scholars Program sponsored by the Academy of Leisure Sciences, the Society of Park and Recreation Educators, and the National Recreation and Park Association. You can view eligibility and selection criteria and other instructions for the applicant online by going to the SPRE website at <http://www.nrpa.org/spre> or the Academy of Leisure Sciences website at <http://www.academyofleisureciences.org/>.

Your letter of support is particularly important in helping us select from among the many qualified applications we will receive. We are particularly interested in your perceptions of the student's academic abilities relative to other graduate students with whom you have worked, her or his scholarly interests and potential, and the strength of her or his intention to pursue doctoral studies in recreation and leisure studies, tourism, recreation resource management, or a closely related field.

The student's application packet must be postmarked by **April 15, 2007** to be considered in this year's competition. If you are comfortable giving your letter directly to your student, please do so prior to that date so it can be included in the application packet. If you prefer to mail your letter directly to me, please mail four (4) copies by April 15<sup>th</sup> to the address below.

Please note that only one student from any particular university will be selected in any given year.

If you have questions about the program or procedures, feel free to contact me by email ([dsamdahl@uga.edu](mailto:dsamdahl@uga.edu)) or telephone (706.542.4333).

Thank you for supporting your student and the Future Scholars Program.

Dr. Diane M. Samdahl  
Chair, Future Scholars Program  
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