## Nicholas Slunaker Psychology Innovation Innovation Fellows Program - University of Florida College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Hello, I'm Nicholas Slunaker, and I'm currently savoring my senior year at the University of Florida, majoring in psychology with a dash of innovation on the side. Thanks to the Innovation Academy, I've soaked up various strategies for leadership and ingenuity that have truly ignited my passion.

Presently, I'm proudly part of the inaugural GatorCorp team at Florida's Institute for Built Environment Resilience, where I'm gaining invaluable insights into community dynamics. It's more than just a job; it's a journey of understanding and positively impacting the community. My background includes an enriching experience with the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force at the YMCA of Florida's First Coast, where I delved into the intricacies of navigating diverse groups. This adventure has



highlighted the challenge of reconciling polarizing values among stakeholders, emphasizing the importance of compromise and mutual understanding in reaching consensus.

Looking ahead, after completing my undergraduate studies, I plan to return for a master's in industrial-organizational psychology. The prospect of embarking on my journey as an Innovation Fellow fills me with extreme excitement. I firmly believe that this path will enable me to make a positive and meaningful contribution.