Johna Rodgers awarded the 2021 Grant Professionals Distinguished Fellow Award

The Grant Professionals Association, Grant Professionals Certification Institute, and Grant Professionals Foundation are proud to announce the 2021 Grant Professionals Class of Distinguished Fellows Award Recipient is Johna Rodgers.

Johna Rodgers of Bowling Green, Kentucky, has been awarded a Grant Professionals Distinguished Fellow Award for 2021 in recognition of her exceptional commitment as a grant professional and her outstanding achievements and enduring impact on the grants profession. For nearly 30 years, Mrs. Rodgers has helped hundreds of organizations build their grants capacity and supported the development of thousands of grant professionals nationwide. In the last 20 years, she helped secure more than $195 million in grants for schools, educational nonprofits, and other organizations, including the nation's largest “Race to the Top District” award, which benefited 116 schools in Kentucky.

Mrs. Rodgers has served nearly three full terms on the Grant Professionals Association (GPA) national board of directors and five years on the Grant Professional Certification Institute (GPCI) board of directors. She also played a leading role in the establishment of the GPCI Certification Exam, which has resulted in more than 634 professionals earning their credentials to date. She is an approved trainer and mentor for GPA, a national trainer with Grant Writing USA and the Kentucky Department of Education, and principal consultant for Johna Rodgers Consulting, LLC.

The Grant Professionals Class of Distinguished Fellows was founded in 2018 to recognize and preserve the history of professional grant proposal writers, grant managers, and grant development professionals. This Class of Distinguished Fellows strives to keep alive inductees’ tradition and spirit and to honor each year those persons who, through distinguished achievement, have excelled in their professions and volunteer roles.