

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic and Research Excellence Committee
September 13, 2018**

SUBJECT: Legislative Budget Request for World Class Scholars

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Consider approval of a Legislative Budget Request to support the World Class Scholars initiative

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Funding is requested in support of the World Class Scholars initiative to elevate the national competitiveness of Florida's public universities through the recruitment and retention of exemplary faculty and research scholars, as well as to increase the national academic standing of targeted programs. Investments may include, but are not limited to: research-centric cluster hires, faculty research and research commercialization efforts, instructional and research infrastructure, professional development, undergraduate student participation in research, awards for outstanding performance, and postdoctoral fellowships. For 2019-2020, the legislative budget request for this initiative is \$20 million.

Governor Levine will provide a brief overview of the request.

Supporting Documentation Included:	2018-2019 World Class Scholar Allocation
Facilitators/Presenters:	Governor Alan Levine