

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
January 31, 2018**

SUBJECT: Professional and Graduate Degree Excellence Report

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Consider approval of the Professional and Graduate Degree Excellence Report

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Section 1004.6498, *Florida Statutes*, requires that the Board of Governors submit a report on the Professional and Graduate Degree Excellence program to the Legislature by March 15 of each year. The Legislature provided \$50 million in 2017-18 and an additional \$10 million in 2018-19 to State University System institutions to enhance the quality and excellence of professional and graduate schools and degree programs in medicine, law, and business. Board staff collected the statutorily required data points from State University System Institutions in the fall of 2018. The 2019 report provides baseline information on the initiative.

The Professional and Graduate Degree Excellence Report was considered by the Academic and Research Excellence Committee at its January 30, 2019 meeting. The Chair of the Academic and Research Excellence Committee will provide a recommendation to the Board of Governors.

Supporting Documentation:

Included in Academic and Research
Excellence Committee materials