

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
May 11, 2021**

SUBJECT: Ph.D. in Plant Breeding, CIP 01.1104, University of Florida

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Consider approval of the Ph.D. in Plant Breeding, CIP 01.1104, at the University of Florida.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Board of Governors Regulation 8.011

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The University of Florida's (UF) College of Agricultural Sciences is proposing to establish a Ph.D. in Plant Breeding. The proposed program is a Program of Strategic Emphasis in STEM. The interdisciplinary program will be offered in collaboration with the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences' (IFAS) four academic departments. The program will be administered on the main campus, with some courses available online and at UF/IFAS Research Education Centers located throughout the state. The purpose of the proposed program is to provide comprehensive plant breeding education to graduates and prepare them for career opportunities in industry and academia. This would be the first doctoral level program in CIP 01.1104 in the State University System and the seventh doctoral level program nationally in this field of study.

The university will charge \$528.69 per credit hour for resident students and \$1,218.90 per credit hour for nonresident students. The university does not intend to operate this program through continuing education on a cost-recovery basis, seek approval for market-rate tuition, or establish differentiated graduate-level tuition.

The University of Florida's Board of Trustees approved the program on December 4, 2020. If approved by the Board of Governors, the university will implement the program effective fall 2021.

Supporting Documentation Included:

1. Proposal and Supporting Documents
2. Board Staff Analysis

Facilitators/Presenters:

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