

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
Academic and Student Affairs Committee  
November 4, 2021**

**SUBJECT:** Ph.D. in Neuroscience, CIP 26.1501, Florida Atlantic University

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**PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION**

Consider approval of the Ph.D. in Neuroscience, CIP 26.1501, at Florida Atlantic University.

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

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

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Florida Atlantic University is proposing to establish a Ph.D. in Neuroscience. The proposed program is a Program of Strategic Emphasis in STEM. The interdisciplinary program will be a collaborative effort between the Biological Science and Psychology departments within the College of Science. The proposed program is designed to train a technologically-sophisticated workforce of neuroscientists to solve challenges related to brain disorders, such as addiction, autism, depression, schizophrenia, and Alzheimer's. Program graduates will be prepared for career opportunities in allied STEM careers such as medical technologists, research scientists, and clinical psychologists and for careers in academia. The proposed degree program would be the second doctoral-level program in the State University System in CIP 26.1501.

The university will charge \$371.82 per credit hour for resident students and \$1,026.81 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.

Florida Atlantic University's Board of Trustees approved the program on April 20, 2021. If approved by the Board of Governors, the university will implement the program effective spring 2022.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:**

1. Proposal and Supporting Documents
2. Board Staff Analysis

**Facilitators/Presenters:**

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