

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
Academic and Research Excellence Committee  
January 24, 2023**

**SUBJECT:** Professional and Graduate Degree Excellence Program Report

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**PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION**

Consider approval of the 2023 Professional and Graduate Degree Excellence Program 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 each year. The Legislature provided \$60 million in 2021-22 to State University System institutions to enhance the quality and excellence of professional and graduate schools and degree programs in medicine, law, and business. The 2023 report includes expenditure information for the 2021-22 Fiscal Year. Board staff collected the statutorily required data points from State University System institutions in the fall of 2022 to create the 2023 report. If approved by the Academic and Research Excellence Committee, this item will be forwarded to the full Board for consideration.

Ms. Emily Sikes, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Strategic Initiatives and Economic Development, will provide an overview of the 2023 report.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:**

2023 Professional and Graduate Degree Excellence Program Report

**Facilitators/Presenters:**

Ms. Emily Sikes