

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic and Research Excellence Committee
January 27, 2021**

SUBJECT: Professional and Graduate Degree Excellence Program Report

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Consider approval of the 2021 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 of each year. The Legislature provided \$60 million in 2019-20 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 2021 report includes expenditure information for the 2019-20 year. Board staff collected the statutorily required data points from State University System institutions in the fall of 2020 to create the 2021 report.

Ms. Emily Sikes, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Strategic Initiatives and Economic Development, will provide an overview of the 2021 report.

Supporting Documentation Included:

Professional and Graduate
Degree Excellence Report

Facilitators/Presenters:

Ms. Emily Sikes