

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

January 27, 2021

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

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**PROPOSED BOARD 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.

If approved by the Academic and Research Excellence Committee, the report will come to the Full Board for consideration.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:**

In Academic and Research  
Excellence Committee Materials