

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**
November 5, 2020

SUBJECT: Ph.D. in Cognitive Neuroscience, CIP 42.2706, Florida International University

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Consider approval of the Ph.D. in Cognitive Neuroscience, CIP 42.2706, at Florida International University.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

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

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Florida International University (FIU) is proposing to establish a Ph.D. in Cognitive Neuroscience. The program is designed to provide a rigorous, broad-based graduate education with an emphasis on topic-specific skills in neuroscience research methodology and data analysis; cognitive, developmental, and behavioral neuroscience; learning and memory; and neuropsychological disorders. These skills will be combined with broader STEM-related skills, preparing graduates for both lab and field-based work. The program is a Program of Strategic Emphasis in STEM. This would be the second doctoral-level Cognitive Neuroscience program in the SUS with FAU also having a program in the same CIP. The proposed program consists of 75 credit hours: 9 credit hours of core courses; 15 credit hours of content area courses; 24 credit hours of supervised research; 12 credit hours of electives; a comprehensive exam; and 15 credit hours of dissertation. The Ph.D. in Cognitive Neuroscience will be offered face-to-face on the main campus through the College of Arts, Sciences and Education.

FIU will charge the currently approved graduate rate of tuition of \$455.64 per credit hour for resident students and \$1,001.69 per credit hour for non-resident students. The total program cost is \$34,173 for resident students and \$75,127 for non-resident 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 Florida International University Board of Trustees approved the program on June 16, 2020. If approved by the Board of Governors, FIU will implement the program effective in fall 2021.

If approved by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, this program will be forwarded to the Full Board for consideration.

Supporting Documentation Included:

In Academic and Student Affairs
Committee Materials