

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
September 18, 2024**

SUBJECT: Ph.D. in Comparative Biomedical Sciences, CIP 26.0102, University of Florida

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Consider approval of the Ph.D. in Comparative Biomedical Sciences, CIP 26.0102, at the University of Florida.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

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

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The University of Florida proposes establishing a Ph.D. in Comparative Biomedical Sciences. The proposed program is a Program of Strategic Emphasis focused on advanced research training in the biomedical sciences, including discoveries and solutions for diseases in animal and human populations. If approved, the proposed Ph.D. would be the fourth program under CIP code 26.0102 in the System.

Graduates of the program will be prepared for jobs such as medical scientists and postsecondary faculty. According to the Florida Department of Commerce, both areas are projected to grow in Florida. The demand in Florida for medical scientists is projected to grow by more than 16 percent over the next eight years, while the demand for postsecondary biological faculty is projected to increase by more than 11 percent.

The University of Florida plans to charge the currently approved graduate tuition rate of \$530.69 per credit hour for resident students and \$1,255.41 per credit hour for non-resident students.

The University of Florida's Board of Trustees approved the program on June 13, 2024. If approved by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, the proposal will be forwarded to the full Board for consideration. If approved by the Board of Governors, the University of Florida will implement the program effective fall 2025.

Dr. Lynn Nelson, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Innovation, will provide an overview of the proposal.

Supporting Documentation Included:

1. Board Staff Analysis
2. Proposal

Facilitators/Presenters:

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