

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
January 30, 2025

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

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Consider approval of the 2025 Professional and Graduate Degree Excellence Program Report.

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Section 1004.6498, Florida Statutes

**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 recurring funding of \$60 million in 2023-24 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 2025 report includes expenditure information for the 2023-24 Fiscal Year. Board staff collected the statutorily required data points from State University System institutions in the fall of 2024 to create the 2025 report. If approved by the Academic and Research Excellence Committee, this item will be forwarded to the full Board for consideration.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:**

In Academic and Research  
Excellence Committee  
Materials