

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic and Research Excellence Committee
January 30, 2025**

SUBJECT: Professional and Graduate Degree Excellence Program Report

PROPOSED COMMITTEE 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.

Dr. Lynn Nelson, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Innovation, will provide an overview of the 2025 report.

Supporting Documentation Included:

2025 Professional and
Graduate Degree Excellence
Program Report

Facilitators/Presenters:

Dr. Lynn Nelson