

**Summary of Proposed Action
ND State Board of Higher Education
Meeting – September 28, 2017**

1. **Issue:** Allocate 2017-19 education incentive funds of \$130,000 each to UND and NDSU to encourage additional doctoral graduates in North Dakota.
2. **Proposed actions:** Recommend approval of the allocation of \$260,000 from the 2017-19 [education incentive programs](#) appropriation, \$130,000 each to UND and NDSU, to support the doctoral programs and students at those institutions.
3. **Background information:** The 2017 Legislative Assembly appropriated \$2,863,393 from the state general fund to support three education incentive programs for the 2017-19 biennium. 2017 Senate Bill 2037 requires the following fund allocation:
 - \$260,000 for Doctoral Programs at NDSU and UND
 - \$500,000 for the STEM Occupations Loan Forgiveness Program (STEM)
 - \$2,103,393 for the Teacher Shortage Loan Forgiveness Program (TSLF)

Funds for the STEM and TSLF are paid throughout the biennium to qualified applicants, as described in the attached report.

Education incentive funds are distributed directly to UND and NDSU, with SBHE approval. In accordance with legislative intent, half of the funds will be disbursed in each fiscal year of the biennium.

4. **Financial implications:** None
5. **Legal/policy issues:** None
6. **Academic issues:** None
7. **Coordination:** Dolan, Brenda Zastoupil
8. **Attachments:** SBHE agenda item
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10. **Chancellor's Cabinet recommendation:** Approve