




# Vision 20/20 UPDATE

## Academic Programs, Research Growth, Faculty Excellence and Rewards and Public Service

Overall Status







Goal:

Develop new and re-configure existing academic programs to be responsive to student, stakeholder and community needs.

Strategy:

Develop at least one doctoral degree program at West Virginia State University

### Recent Key Accomplishments

The University has successfully established 6 master level programs, including the MS/MA Biotechnology degree which has been in existence since 2003. There are currently more than a dozen faculty members with doctoral degrees and academic and research expertise in molecular biology, biotechnology and related sciences at WVSU qualified to teach a doctoral program in biotechnology.

### Upcoming Events

Activity 1a: WVSU continues assessing the feasibility of implementing and elevating its current graduate programs from Master's degree fields to doctoral degrees in Biotechnology and Media Studies. WVSU will continue exploring collaborative programs with domestic and abroad institutions (e.g. dual doctoral programs).

### Emerging Issues

Internal: There is still lack of adequate infrastructure resources, such as research space, equipment and curricula funding needed to deliver a doctoral level program. Implementation of additional centers of excellence will facilitate its implementation. External: Funding at the state level is limited due to current and future budget cuts. Some opportunities with federal agencies are available to assist in the implementation of a doctoral program.

### Solutions

- Identify and assess funding opportunities from federal and corporate sources to bring the required resources, including new faculty, development of additional lab space, and purchase of new equipment and instructional technology.
- Continue assessing collaborative opportunities which can provide immediate resources to accelerate the implementation of a doctoral level program.

### Upcoming Deliverable/Milestones

Item	Due Date	Status	Progress	Comments
Feasibility assessment to elevate masters to doctoral programs	05/16/2015	<input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	20 %	Biotechnology appears to be the most likely area to first offer a doctoral degree. Other master level programs may also be suitable as they mature.
Develop a proposal for constituents and BOG review	10/01/2016	<input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	5 %	So far there have been only preliminary discussions on this regard effected during the institution's self-study.
Take appropriate internal and external approval steps.	12/01/2017	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	0 %	Efforts are still underway to re-evaluate the strategies in pursuing this goal.
Deliver first doctoral program Fall 2019.	08/16/2020	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	0 %	Efforts are still underway to re-evaluate the strategies in pursuing this goal.