

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

SUBJECT: New non-Rackham graduate degree program in the Marsal Family School of Education

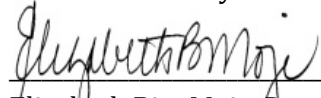
ACTION REQUESTED: Approval to offer a new online non-Rackham Master of Arts Leading Educational Innovation and Transformation

The Marsal Family School of Education (Marsal) has four successful residential Masters degree programs. Marsal is seeking approval to add a new degree, an online Master of Arts in Leading Educational Innovation and Transformation. This online non-Rackham Master of Arts program is dedicated to the pursuit of educational innovation and transformation. Innovation and transformation embody a commitment to explore, cultivate, and actualize innovative ideas and strategies designed to fundamentally shift the current educational landscape. The curriculum emphasizes fostering creativity and adaptability, improving learning outcomes, and addressing the complex challenges facing education today. Each learner participating in the program will engage deeply with these ideas, tailoring their learning to their unique environments, supported by the continuous guidance and encouragement of the Marsal faculty. Our focus is to blend practice, research, and empowerment to develop the next generation of exceptional educators.

The Marsal Family School of Education at the University of Michigan has yet to step into the online teaching and learning space, and current student desires and market conditions demand that we now do so. We have thoughtfully designed an online MA that is different from our residential MA programs while being very much in line with our core values as a school, which among other encompass those of diversity inclusion, justice and equity; a faculty commitment to personalizing student learning; and, a school-wide commitment to, as our mission states, challenge the present and enrich the future. The new online MA will be offered alongside our current MA residential programs.

We request that the Regents approve the offering of the online non-Rackham graduate degree, Master of Arts Leading Educational Innovation and Transformation. Pending approval, the first students will enter the program in September of 2025, following further approval from the Michigan Association of State Universities.

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