



# CREATING INDUSTRY- INTEGRATED LEARNING FRAMEWORKS 2.0

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# WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

- Many students struggle to gain practical experience before graduating, leaving them underprepared for the workforce.
- A 2024 report found that 52% of recent four-year college graduates are underemployed a year after graduation (Strada Institute for the Future of Work & Burning Glass Institute, 2024).
- South Florida is facing a skills gap, particularly in high-demand industries such as information technology and healthcare, which presents an ongoing challenge (SFRPA, 2024).





# WHO ARE WE GOING AFTER?

- First and second year AA/AS students seeking hands-on experience.
- 70% of employers prioritize work experience over GPA (National Association of Colleges and Employers, 2024).
- Industry partners in South Florida struggle to find skilled, workforce-ready graduates.
- South Florida's growing job market demands a stronger talent pipeline.



# HOW DO WE SOLVE THIS?

Our collaborative model offers:

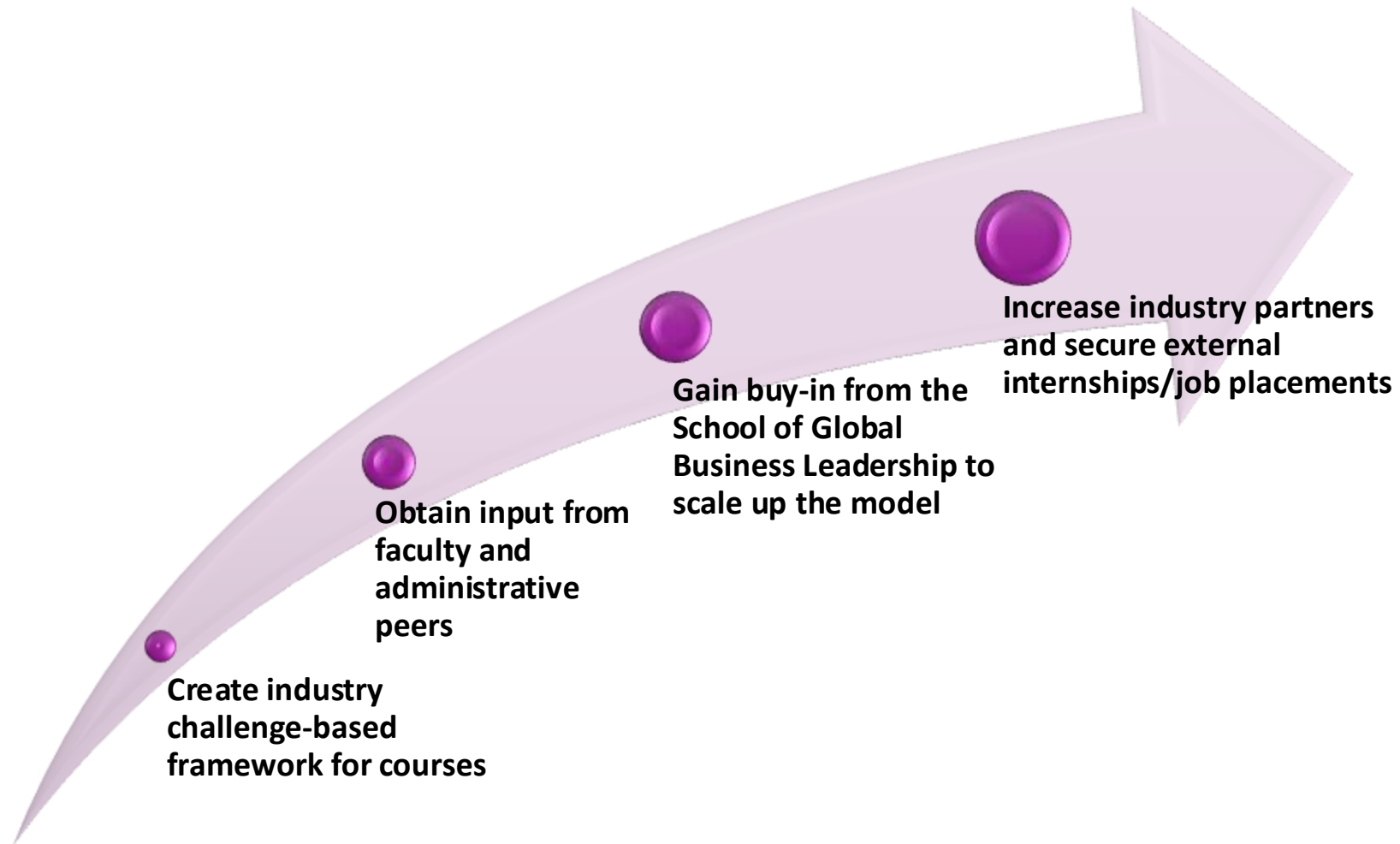
- Challenge-based learning with industry partners.
- Hands-on experience with mentorship while creating direct path to internships and job placements.
- With industry needs evolving rapidly, now is the time to bridge the skills gap and position students for success.



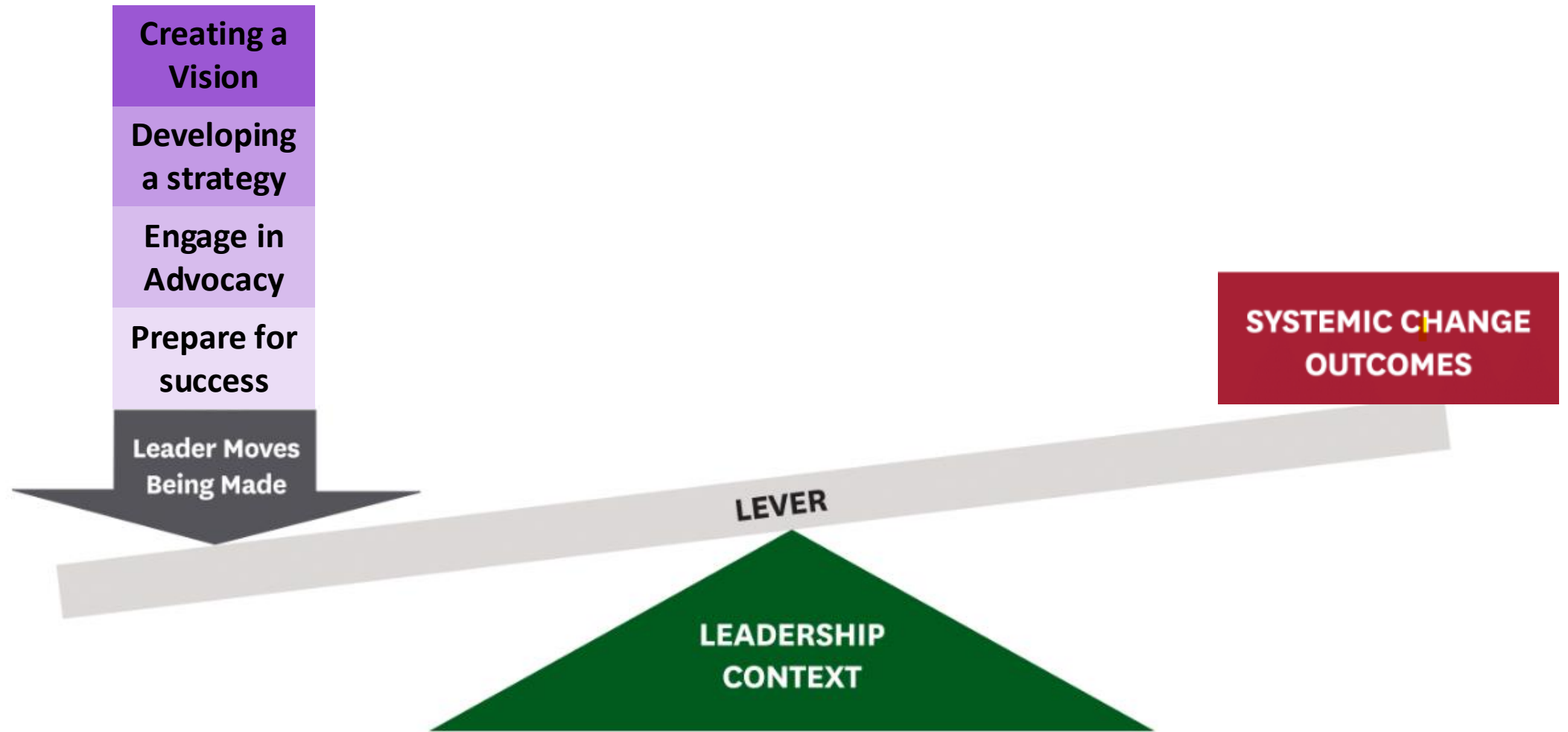
WHY ARE WE DOING THIS?

TO CONNECT OUR STUDENTS TO  
THEIR FUTURE CAREERS WHILE  
THEY'RE IN OUR CLASSROOM

# THE ECOSYSTEM OF CHANGE



# LEADER MOVES FOR SYSTEMIC CHANGE





# POTENTIAL INDUSTRY PARTNERS






# MOVES TO SECURE SYSTEMIC CHANGE





# WHAT TO DO WE NEED?

- Academic Institutions: Curriculum integration, student engagement.
  - Industry Partners: Project opportunities, mentorship.
  - Technology: Collaboration platforms, project management tools.
  - Funding: Grants, sponsorships, institutional backing.
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# RETURN ON INVESTMENT

- Enables hands-on, real-world experience for students.
- Strengthens talent pipelines for local businesses.
- Builds a scalable model that can be replicated across institutions.
- Fosters stronger industry-academic collaborations.





# FUTURE OUTLOOK

- Institutional student-led consulting curriculum.
- Campus events promoting industry partners.
- Industry partner mentorship program.
- Internship/job placement opportunities.
- Career-ready cohorts.







"THIS IS MORE THAN A PROJECT—IT'S A MOVEMENT  
TOWARD A FUTURE WHERE EDUCATION AND  
INDUSTRY WORK HAND IN HAND, EMPOWERING  
STUDENTS TO BECOME INNOVATORS, PROBLEM-  
SOLVERS, AND TOMORROW'S LEADERS.

THANK YOU

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