ORTGE Establishes ''CyberForum'' on the World Wide Web

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The Office of Research, Technology and Graduate Education invites members of the University of Florida community to submit comments, ideas and suggestions on a wide range of issues related to research and research funding, graduate education, and technology transfer to ORTGE's new Internet comment line, CyberForum. A new discussion topic will be posted on our website (http://web.ortge.ufl.edu/cyberforum/) at the beginning of each month.

We want to communicate with a broad audience to develop ideas and strategies to propel the University of Florida toward its goals in research and graduate education. We look at this website "comment line" as just one way of interacting with as many faculty as possible. This is also an opportunity for faculty to talk to faculty across all areas of campus and exchange ideas in many different areas.

Throughout the comment period, ORTGE will respond to questions or comments submitted. At any time, you will be able to review comments and responses in chronological submission order. Every two weeks ORTGE will post a compilation of comments/responses by category for easier reference. We also invite your ideas for future CyberForum topics.

CyberForum Topic for October

UF faculty have earned more than \$200 million in research awards in each of the last two years. This level will be difficult to sustain in the current funding environment where federal support for civilian R&D is projected to decrease 19-33% by the year 2002.

What strategies can you recommend to keep the University of Florida moving forward in its climb into the top tier of research institutions in a climate that is clearly not supportive?

The Office of Research, Technology & Graduate Education invites your input on this critical issue.

To access CyberForum, point your web browser to http://web.ortge.ufl.edu/cyberforum/. Participation in CyberForum will be limited to members of the University of Florida community. In order to enter a comment, you will need a forms-supporting web browser such as Netscape. Provision of your name, department, and E-mail address is optional. If you would like to participate in CyberForum but are unable to access the World Wide Web, you may send your comments to program@nervm.nerdc.ufl.edu or send a letter to CyberForum, PO Box 115500, Attn: Program Information Office.

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