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Dear Will:

As you know from the most recent Dean's meeting, the Office of Research, Technology and Graduate Education will be providing the support for 30 UFRF research professorships this year, each of which will continue for two additional years, and for 30 new professorships each of the next two years thereafter. A faculty committee worked with our office to establish the criteria and review the overall plan and purpose.

We are anxious to begin the program this academic year and to make the first awards by the end of the Spring semester. We recognize this puts the process on a fast track for each of you, however, I presume the faculty will greatly appreciate it if it can be accomplished. The measures of research performance are those which should be readily available from the faculty on their CVs and via annual performance reviews. The number of awards offered to each department is based on the number of tenured faculty. Small units may have only one award during the three year period. The schedule of awards for your college is as follows:

Tenured Faculty	% of total UF Tenured Faculty	1997	1998	1999
412	22.08%	7	7	6

Please do not hesitate to call our office if you have any questions. Sincerely yours,

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Vice President/Dean

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UFRF Research Awards Committee

Dr. Sanford Berg, Economics
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**UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
RESEARCH FOUNDATION PROFESSORSHIP**

The University of Florida Research Foundation announces the creation of Research Foundation Professorships. These competitive professorships will be awarded to tenured faculty who have a distinguished current record of research. The purpose of these awards is to recognize recent contributions and to provide incentives for continued excellence in research.

The primary selection criteria will be performance in the past five years and evidence of a strong research agenda that is likely to lead to continuing distinction in their field.

The Research Foundation Professorships are open to all tenured faculty, subject to the eligibility requirements below.

Funds in the University of Florida Research Foundation are earned from royalties and fees on intellectual property, on retained indirect costs from certain corporate contracts and grants, and from investment income. These awards involve no state funds.

PROFESSORSHIP TERMS

Three-year term professorship

- \$5,000 annual salary supplement

- \$3,000 grant to support research, to be awarded in year one of the three year tenure of this professorship

A maximum of thirty new awards annually. Awards to be made in April.

ELIGIBILITY

Associate and Full Professors who are tenured and have been on the UF faculty for at least five years.

Faculty will be eligible for renomination following a two year hiatus after holding a Research Foundation Professorship.

NOMINATION

Candidates must be nominated by their Department Chairs. Department Chairs are nominated by their College Deans.

Each dean will be given the total number of awards which will be proportional to the number of faculty eligible for the award.

CRITERIA

Candidates must have a distinguished CURRENT research program that places them among the leaders in the appropriate academic discipline. This is measured over the most recent five years. All candidates must demonstrate an active current research program that is likely to lead to continuing distinction in his/her field.

This standing must be demonstrated in objective measures of research performance that are recognized in the discipline. Examples of such criteria are:

- Publication in leading scholarly journals in the field.
- Monographs or other scholarly works.
- Citation analysis, where appropriate.
- Awards in field-e.g. best paper, personal awards, etc.
- Evidence of consistent external funding, where appropriate.
- Evidence of development of intellectual property, where appropriate.
- A supporting letter from the Department Chair¹ that documents the candidate's standing in his/her field.
- A one to two page personal statement by the candidate that details his/her recent accomplishments and current research agenda.

EXPECTATIONS DURING TERM OF PROFESSORSHIP

Persons holding this award must:

- Participate in a Research Foundation Professorship Seminar\Speaker\Interview Series,
- Provide a short report on accomplishments during the period they held award,
- Participate in a Research Foundation Web page describing the research program of all award winners.

If appropriate, the supporting letter may come from another tenured UF faculty member at the rank of Professor or higher who is qualified to document the candidate's standing in his/her field.