Why should I care about UROP?

Recent changes in a federal accounting rule will double the cost of UROPs for students working for faculty with government research contracts. For every $1 paid in UROP salaries, the faculty member will have to pay approximately another dollar in "indirect" research costs to MIT. (The present rule excluded UROP from these charges.) In effect, this rule change could reduce the number of paid UROPs by half.

Why is MIT doing this to me?

The MIT faculty and administration are strong advocates for UROP and have made every effort to prevent this change. The problem is with the federal government.

Why should I come to this forum?

The time has come for us — MIT undergraduates — to weigh in on the issue. The challenge is ours to take: either we allow these rule changes to damage UROP, or we work together (with the faculty and administration) and resolve the crisis. The UA is here to help effectively organize and communicate your ideas about UROP.

A Community Forum on UROP

with special guest Provost Mark Wrighton

Monday, February 14th 8:00 pm

Twenty Chimneys, Student Center

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