**Lincoln Institute of Land Policy**

**Program on the People’s Republic of China**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

The Lincoln Institute of Land Policy Program on the People’s Republic of China cordially invites proposals for academic papers addressing land, urban and fiscal issues relating to urbanization in China. Preference will be given to policy-oriented empirical studies and international comparative studies. Three focus areas are indicated below:

1. **Municipal Finance**. This area focuses on the effects of municipal finance on urban development, the role of municipal finance in local service delivery, assessment of land value capture practices, as well as the issues relating to municipal fiscal sustainability.
2. **Land Policy**. This area focuses on issues relating to urban or rural land policy reform, and the efficiency and equity of land use management.
3. **Urban Structure Analysis**. This area focuses on the patterns, dynamics, and outcomes of urban spatial structure (e.g. accessibility, housing markets, spatial inequalities, job and residential locations, land use and transport interactions, and industrial locations) in large cities, mega-cities, or urban regions, from one or more of the following perspectives—economic, social, environmental, and institutional.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

Applicants for the China Program’s International Fellowship will be required to have a Ph.D. degree at the time of submission.

**PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS:**

1. **Cover Sheet** (include name, title, organization, contact information, email, co-author or research collaborator information)
2. **Project Abstract** (Project title, abstract should not exceed 150 words)
3. **Table of Contents**
4. **Calendar of Activities**
5. **Detailed Budget** (Please outline costs for research assistance, equipment, data, fieldwork, travel, etc.)
6. **Project Description**
   1. Research objective and specific research question
   2. Theoretical or conceptual framework and main hypothesis to be tested
   3. Methodology, sources of empirical data, and data collection strategy
   4. Expected results
   5. Description of partnerships (if research involves collaboration with academic institutions, government organizations, private sector, etc.)
7. **CV and Publication Records**

**Proposals will be evaluated on the basis of significance, clarity, theoretical/conceptual framework, methodology, feasibility, and expected contribution to the field.** **Exceptional papers will be considered for inclusion in the Lincoln Institute Working Paper series.**

**TIMELINE FOR PROPOSALS AND PRESENTATION:**

Deadline for Submission of Full Proposals – October 31, 2017

(For Fellowship Recipient): Deadline for Submission of Final Paper – January 31, 2019

**AWARD AMOUNT**

Awards range between $32,000 to $35,000 USD.

**Work-for-hire**

The funds awarded under this Request for Proposals are contracted as work-for-hire, and are not permitted to be sub-contracted by recipients to third parties.

**Electronic submissions are encouraged in PDF or Postscript format. Send all submissions to:**

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