



**BABBITT CENTER**  
FOR LAND AND WATER POLICY

*A Center of the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy*

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS** **regarding Babbitt Center Dissertation Fellowships**

- Will my progress towards my degree impact my evaluation? *No, as long as you meet the minimum criterion of having a dissertation research project proposal approved by your committee, your stage of progress towards your degree is for information purposes only and will not affect our assessment of your application.*
- Do I need to be a U.S. citizen to apply? *No.*
- Do I need to be registered in a U.S. university to apply? *Currently we are accepting applications from students registered at universities in the U.S. and Mexico.*
- Must the dissertation be restricted to cases in the Colorado River Basin? *Yes, the research must be focused on addressing issues within the Colorado River Basin, including areas dependent on Colorado River water that may be outside the hydrologic basin. Although priority will be given to research focused in the Colorado River Basin, research needn't be limited to only the Colorado River or Colorado River water.*
- Do you fund students working on their Master's thesis or other professional degrees? *We do not fund master's thesis projects. For students pursuing a law degree or professional doctorate degree that does not require a research dissertation, we will consider supporting significant research or professional doctoral projects if they are similar in scope to a doctoral dissertation.*
- Can I apply if I have a full-time job while I am completing my Ph.D.? *Yes, but all applicants must be full-time students.*
- How many fellowships will you grant? *Up to five fellowships of \$10,000 each per calendar year.*
- Should the entire proposal be single- or double-spaced? *Single-spaced.*
- Is there a desired format to follow when composing the five-page project description? *No.*
- How detailed should the five-page project description be? *Whatever best conveys the goals, intellectual merit, and design of the research, and to the extent possible addresses evaluation criteria B, C, and D in the application guidelines.*
- Should the five-page project description include a budget? *No.*
- Can I include more pages for a bibliography and references? *Yes, you may add up to two pages of references pertaining to your project description. They will not count against the five-page limit for the project description.*
- Must all submissions be electronic? *Yes. Please submit your [application online](#).*
- Must all attachments to the online application be in Microsoft Word? *Yes. We will not accept other formats, such as PDF files. Only letters of support from advisors may be submitted in PDF format.*

- What is the format for the letter of support from my advisor? *The letter must be on university letterhead and signed by your advisor (electronic signatures are acceptable), scanned, and emailed by him or her as a PDF, JPEG or TIFF attachment, by 11:59 PM on the date of the application deadline, to [babbittfellowships@lincolninst.edu](mailto:babbittfellowships@lincolninst.edu), with your last name followed by your first name in the subject line. Do not mail a hard copy.*
- Must I also mail a hard copy of the proposal? *No.*
- Can I make changes to a section of my proposal after having sent it in? *Only if you do so before the deadline for submission of proposals and only if you send a complete revised online application that will replace the original one. Isolated section changes will not be considered.*
- Does the proposal deadline refer to the sending date or the date of receipt of the email by the Institute? *Date of receipt by the Babbitt Center.*
- Will you acknowledge receipt of my application? *Yes, all applicants receive an immediate, automated confirmation of receipt of the online application. Within two weeks of receipt, applicants will also receive email notification that their application is complete (advisor letter of support has been received) and is scheduled for review.*
- When will I know whether my dissertation has been selected for funding or not? *We will notify all applicants approximately two months after the application deadline.*
- Can I get feedback on the substance of my proposal if it is not selected? *The Babbitt Center internal review committee typically does not offer comments regarding the content of proposals that are not selected for funding. In cases where proposals are sent out for external peer review, we may transmit the reviewer's anonymous comments to the applicant all or in part depending on the wishes of the reviewer.*

**If you have other questions regarding the Application Guidelines for Dissertation Proposals, please send an email to [babbittfellowships@lincolninst.edu](mailto:babbittfellowships@lincolninst.edu).**