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Request for Proposals (RFP)

Lincoln Institute of Land Policy's China Program Annual International Fellowship 2022-23

The Lincoln Institute of Land Policy's Program on the People's Republic of China cordially invites proposals for academic and policy research papers addressing land, urban, fiscal, and environmental issues relating to urbanization in China. Preference will be given to policy-oriented empirical studies and international comparative studies. The international fellowship is provided to scholars who are based outside of mainland China. The Peking University-Lincoln Institute Center for Urban Development and Land Policy (Beijing) administers another domestic fellowship for scholars based in mainland China. Please visit www.plc.pku.edu.cn to learn more about the domestic fellowship opportunities.

The focus areas of the International Fellowship are indicated below:

- **Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the Future of Cities.** This area focuses on the empirical analysis on the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on urban life and behavior changes, and the implications for the future of urban land use, public service provision, and urban governance.
- **Cities and Climate Change.** This area focuses on the impacts of urban forms and urban activities on carbon emissions, and the impacts of climate change on urban resilience, as well as the implications to the future of urban development.
- **Municipal Finance.** This area focuses on the effects of municipal finance on urban economies and the quality of life, the effectiveness of municipal finance in local public service delivery, and issues relating to municipal fiscal sustainability.
- **Land Policy.** This area focuses on the effects of the recent land policy reform on the efficiency and equity of urban and rural land use, land redevelopment, urban regeneration, municipal finance, and rural-to-urban migration.
- **Housing Policy.** This area focuses on housing market performance, the effectiveness of housing policy (especially affordable housing policy), and housing for migrant workers.
- **Urban Environment and Health.** This area focuses on the quality of urban

environments, the effectiveness of urban environmental policy and regulations, and impacts of urban land use on the quality of urban life and public health.

- **Land and Water Conservation.** This area focuses on the issues of land and water conservation, including the analysis and assessment of land and water conservation practices, policy, and finance.

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:

Proposals must be submitted online via the web-based [application form](#). Proposals sent by email or mail will be rejected.

The following sections must be included in proposals:

- **Project Abstract:** (maximum length of 1,500 characters)
- **Project Description:** (4-6 pages) It should identify the following:
 - Research objective and specific research questions
 - Theoretical or conceptual framework and main hypothesis to be tested
 - Methodology, sources of empirical data, and data collection strategy
 - Expected results
 - Description of partnerships (if research involves collaboration with academic institutions, government organizations, private sector, etc.)
- **Calendar of Activities:** Attach to the proposal form an estimate of a work plan with a projected schedule of activities to be completed.
- **Detailed Budget:** Please outline the costs for research assistance, equipment, data, fieldwork, travel, etc. Please be advised that no overhead or indirect costs may be charged against funds awarded through this RFP.
- **CV and Publication Records** (3 pages maximum)

Timeline:

Submission of proposals is due on November 30th, 2021, by 11:59pm (EDT). Proposals received after the deadline will not be accepted. Awards will be announced by the Lincoln Institute in mid-February 2022. Submitting a proposal in response to this Request for Proposals (RFP) does not create an obligation on the part of the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy to fund the proposal. Contracts with selected proposals will be finalized in mid-March 2022, and the final working papers are due on May 15, 2023.

Award Amount:

Three to four winners are expected to be selected. The amount of award will be around \$35,000 USD for each winner. The funds awarded under this RFP are contracted as work-for-hire and are not permitted to be sub-contracted by recipients to third parties.

Proposal Evaluation:

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

Ownership:

The Lincoln Institute of Land Policy will own all work products that result from the fellowship via this RFP. Individuals /or institutions who accept a grant shall transfer and assign to the Lincoln Institute all rights, title, and interests in and to such work products, including without limitation, all rights pertaining to copyright and trademark, together with the right to file and/or own applications for copyright registrations and any copyright registrations issuing thereon.

If the Work Products are accepted for publication in an academic journal or volume, Lincoln Institute will grant copyright ownership to the publisher in exchange for royalty-free use by Lincoln Institute of the article.

About the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy:

The Lincoln Institute of Land Policy seeks to improve quality of life through the effective use, taxation, and stewardship of land. A nonprofit private operating foundation whose origins date to 1946, the Lincoln Institute researches and recommends creative approaches to land as a solution to economic, social, and environmental challenges. Through education, training, publications, and events, we integrate theory and practice to inform public policy decisions worldwide.

Questions regarding proposal guidelines should be sent to Gan Jin, associate director of China Program and Asia, at chinaprogram@lincolninst.edu

APPENDIX A: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

PROPOSAL FORMAT

1. **How detailed should the project description be?** Whatever best conveys the objective, methodologies, and data availability of your proposal in clear language.
2. **How flexible is the character count for each section?** Not at all. You must adhere to the specified character count. The part of your proposal exceeding the length limit will not be accepted by the system.
3. **Must all submissions be electronic?** Yes.
4. **Do I need to send a hard copy of the proposal?** No.
5. **What is the format for the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy Working Paper?** This format will be sent to authors of selected proposals later.

BUDGET

1. **Can the budget be changed during the research?** No, except in case of reallocation of funds in consultation with the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy.
2. **Does the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy cover institutional overhead or indirect costs?** No.
3. **What does the award amount cover?** The award covers all direct research expenditures including personnel, research assistance, data, books, research-related travel and software or other items deemed indispensable for the development of the project.
4. **Is there a maximum budget amount?** We expect the budget to be no more than US\$35,000. You are expected to determine the budget based on the scope of the project.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

1. **Is it necessary to be a U.S. citizen to apply?** No. However, this international fellowship is limited to the scholars outside of mainland China.
2. **Can the paper be co-authored?** Yes. Contact details for all authors must be mentioned in the proposal and a lead researcher must be designated as the person responsible for the project.
3. **Can I present more than one research proposal?** Yes.