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**Lincoln Institute of Land Policy's China Program
Annual International Fellowship 2021-22**

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 focus areas are indicated below:

1. **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.
2. **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.
3. **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.
4. **Housing Policy.** This area focuses on housing market performance, the effectiveness of housing policy (especially affordable housing policy), and housing for migrant workers.
5. **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.
6. **Land Conservation and Climate Resilience.** This area focuses on the issues of land conservation, including the analysis and assessment of land conservation practices, policy, and finance, and the effects of climate change on cities and the effectiveness of climate resilience policy.

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 filed via the [online application form](#). Proposals submitted by email or mail will not be accepted.

1. **Cover Sheet** (includes author's name, title, organization, contact information, email address, and co-author / research collaborator's names only)
2. **Project Abstract** (Project title and abstract not exceeding 1,500 characters in length)
3. **Table of Contents**
4. **Calendar of Activities**
5. **Detailed Budget** (Please outline the costs for research assistance, equipment, data, fieldwork, travel, etc.)
6. **Project Description**
 - a. Research objective and specific research questions
 - b. Theoretical or conceptual framework and main hypothesis to be tested
 - c. Methodology, sources of empirical data, and data collection strategy
 - d. Expected results
 - e. Description of partnerships (if research involves collaboration with academic institutions, government organizations, private sector, etc.)
7. **CV and Publication Records**

TIMELINE FOR PROPOSALS AND PRESENTATION:

Applications are due by electronic submissions on December 4th, 2020, by 11:59pm (EDT).

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 Request for Proposals are contracted as work-for-hire and are not permitted to be sub-contracted by recipients to third parties.

Proposals will be evaluated on the basis of 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.

Questions regarding proposal guidelines should be sent to Associate Director of China Program, Gan Jin 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. **Should the project description include a budget?** No. The budget should be prepared in a separate file. There is a separate section to upload the budget in the on-line application program.
3. **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.
4. **Must all submissions be electronic?** Yes.
5. **Do I need to send a hard copy of the proposal?** No.
6. **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?** 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.
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.