

David C. Lincoln Fellowships in Land Value Taxation

The Lincoln Institute of Land Policy invites applications for David C. Lincoln Fellowships, a program to develop academic and professional interest in land value taxation through support for major research projects. The Fellowship program honors David C. Lincoln, the founding chairman of the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy.

Projects may address either the basic theory of land value taxation or its application, domestic or international. Proposals should focus on specific investigations, case studies, and theoretical work rather than general discussions of land valuation taxation principles. They may deal with land value taxation from the perspective of economic analysis, legal theory and practice, political science, administrative feasibility, valuation techniques, or other approaches that contribute to a better understanding of its potential contribution to contemporary fiscal systems. The Institute particularly invites proposals from researchers whose work has not previously addressed these issues.

Applications will be evaluated on the basis of (1) relevance to the specific topic of land value taxation; (2) potential impact of the results (including consideration of the dissemination mechanisms discussed in Part E, below) and their importance to understanding and implementing land value taxation; (3) strength of the research design, including data availability and methodology; and (4) demonstrated ability of the applicant successfully to complete the proposed project. Each of these factors will be given equal weight in determining the final awards.

Research funding for each approved project will be between \$20,000 and \$30,000 per year. Grants are awarded for one year. After successful completion of a project, up to two new applications may be submitted for renewed funding, to support projects up to three years in length. However, each year's funding decision is independent and requires a new application. Decisions on the renewal of funding for multi-year projects will be made annually after an evaluation of interim research results. Information on past Fellowship recipients and their projects can be found at: http://www.lincolninst.edu/education/dcl_fellowships.asp.

Application Guidelines

Fellowship applications must include:

- A. Cover Page:** The cover page must include the title of the project, an abstract not to exceed 100 words, and the name and complete address of applicant(s), including phone number and email address.
- B. Project Summary (do not exceed one page).** The project summary should include a statement of objectives, methods to be employed, and the significance of the project.
- C. Project Description (do not exceed ten pages).** Define the primary objective of the research, proposed methods and data to be used, the primary audience, and the mechanism or means of disseminating the research findings. Proposals that specifically combine investigative research with an educational program should describe the elements of the entire project, including research methods, audiences, and the educational delivery mechanism. If necessary, you may include an appendix (**not to exceed ten additional pages**), and a bibliography or set of references (**not to exceed five additional pages**).

- D. Workplan.** Define the specific tasks or activities required to accomplish the project. Organize the project tasks into major phases or components and establish milestones or interim goals to mark the completion of each phase. Define the duration and costs of each phase or component.
- E. Dissemination Mechanism.** List the dissemination mechanism(s) planned for the project results. These may include various forms of publication (e.g., books, journal articles, press reports), presentations at conferences or workshops, and use as course material.
- F. Potential Impacts.** Indicate any immediate and longer-term impacts the project may have, including the audiences and professional or scholarly fields that may be affected directly by your project.
- G. Budget.** Itemize all major expenses, such as the time and salary for the principal investigator(s) and research assistant(s), travel expenses, and other project-related expenses.
- H. Curriculum Vitae (do not exceed five pages).**
- I. Current Lincoln Projects.** List all projects for which you are currently receiving or are being considered for funding from the Lincoln Institute.

Deliverables

Email Applications Only

The application must be written in English, using *Microsoft Word* software. Format the application for printing on 8.5 x 11-inch (letter-size) paper, with one-inch margins all around. The application may be single- or double-spaced, but each section must not exceed the maximum number of pages, as described under *Application Guidelines*. Use page breaks for each separate section.

Email the entire application as a single-document attachment to fellowships@lincolninst.edu and put your last name followed by your first name in the subject line (e.g.: Doe, Jane F.).

Please note: Submission of a proposal creates no funding obligation on the part of the Lincoln Institute, and applicants should not incur any expenses on the assumption that the proposal will be approved. Expenditures incurred in preparing applications are for the applicant's own benefit and under no circumstances reimbursable by the Lincoln Institute.

Deadline for receipt of email applications: September 15, 2009.
Fellowship awards will be announced by November 1, 2009.