

CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS

Visiting Scholarship Program

IDB – KRIHS



1. Introduction and purpose of the call

The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), in collaboration with the Korea Research Institute for Human Settlements (KRIHS)¹, is putting out a call for research proposals by individual researchers and scholars in the Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) region. The purpose of this call is to share knowledge and experiences in the topic of housing and urban development between South Korea and LAC region.

Selected scholars will be expected to conduct an IDB-KRIHS joint research project and field work. The duration of the research project will not exceed three months and it will be expected to be completed by mid-September 2015. The field work will be conducted, for a period not exceeding four weeks, in KRIHS's headquarters located in Anyang City (Seoul Metropolitan area).

2. Eligibility

Applicants from the LAC region can be accredited scholars or professors from institutions of higher learning and advanced academic research or universities, or accomplished government officials with a position of deputy director or higher with a keen intellectual interest and demonstrated academic or professional excellence in the topic of housing and urban development in the LAC region.

¹ Korea Research Institute for Human Settlements (KRIHS) is a government-affiliated, national-level research institute to conduct related research and policy proposals since its establishment in 1978. It is located in Anyang City, South Korea. The main research areas of KRIHS are national territorial planning, land and housing management, urban and regional development, infrastructure (transport, roads, and water resources) and geospatial information. Particularly for global cooperation, KRIHS established the Global Development Partnership Center (GDPC). Please refer to the homepages www.krihs.re.kr and to www.gdpc.kr.

Researchers from regions other than LAC may submit proposals if they have considerable experience and exceptional knowledge of countries in the LAC in the topics mentioned above.

3. Subject areas for proposals

The subject areas of research are the following:

- a. **New Town and Sustainable Land Development:** Land development methods (e.g. land readjustment and publically managed land development) and new town development with the purpose of industrial development, housing supply, and government administrative centers².
- b. **Urban Expansion and Urban Regeneration:** Uncontrolled and sprawling growth management in fast growing cities and city centers regeneration.
- c. **Green Urban Planning:** Vulnerability and adaptation to climate change in urban areas.
- d. **Affordable Housing:** Strategies for diversifying and enlarging affordable housing market by expanding rental and leasing options and improving the quality of residential environment.

Individual researchers and scholars are encouraged to present proposals that build upon their existing work only if it is related to any of the four subject areas for this program.

4. Contents of research proposals

The IDB-KRIHS joint research project will complement studies of the LAC region by comparing LAC experiences with Korea's experience. Proposals should clearly state one of the subject areas mentioned in section 3 above, as well as, the countries of the LAC region that will be targeted by the research. Proposals including more than one country in LAC are preferred. Research proposals must be submitted in English, not exceed three pages, and include the following items:

- Executive summary
- Research question
- Proposal objectives (general and specific)
- Justification
- Theoretical framework
- Hypothesis
- Methodology
- Data and information sources
- Time framework
- Existing research that will be incorporated into this research project

All applicants should also submit their Curriculum Vitae in English not exceeding two pages.

² The South Korean government recently developed a special administrative city, called Sejong City, to relocate ministries and national agencies from Seoul and achieve a balanced regional development.

5. Selection criteria

Selection criteria will be based on the quality of the proposal, experience of the researcher and the LAC countries selected for the study.

6. Coordination and schedule

The research process (selection of proposals, technical review of draft and final versions) will be administered and supervised by the IDB through the Institutions for Development Department, in collaboration with KRIHS.

The tentative schedule of activities is as follows:

- Launch date of call for proposals: May 15, 2015
- Due date for receiving proposals: **May 29, 2015**
- Assessment and selection of proposals: June 1-12, 2015
- Announcement of proposals selected: **June 15, 2015**
- Start of the research process: June 16, 2015
- Preparation for the trip to Korea: June 16-June 26, 2015
- Implementation of the visiting scholarship program in Korea to initiate the joint research:
2 to 4 weeks in July or August. The date and length of each participant's visit will be confirmed after the selection, considering the proposed time frameworks in each research project.
- Due date for receiving a first draft of research papers: **August 31, 2015**
- Deadline for a final version of research papers and presentation materials: **September 14, 2015**

7. Financial aspects

Financing for the selected researchers or scholars to complete the final version of the research papers and field work in Korea (see section 1) will be supplied by KRIHS in accordance to their policies and procedures. Financing is expected to cover air fare, lodging, and per diem as follows:

- **Air fare:** Economy class, round-trip
- **Lodging:** hotel or furnished residence in Seoul or Anyang City during the stay in Korea
- **Per diem allowance:**
 - i) For a professor or a director general position or above: 84,000 KRW (approx. USD\$77 per day),
 - ii) For an associate professor or a director position or below: 67,000 KRW (approx. USD\$61 per day)

The IDB will not provide financing nor will be responsible for any additional costs incurred by the selected researchers.

8. Proposal submission

The proposal and supporting documentation mentioned in section 4 should be submitted simultaneously no later than **Friday, May 29, 2015** to Andres G. Blanco B. (ABLANCO@IADB.ORG) and Soyoung Cristina Lee (SOYOUNGL@IADB.ORG), with the following subject line: CALL FOR PROPOSALS: Visiting Scholarship Program.