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INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM Concept Note

Introduction

The offering of the PLANADES International Fellowship Program (IFP) is in line with one of our organizational goals aligned with the international agreements i.e., Sendai Framework, Paris Agreement, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This Program is meant to contribute in research, development, and capacity-building in the various fields of environmental planning including urban and regional planning. Specifically, it deals with SDGs, Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation (CCAM), Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), community-based Climate Change and Disaster Risk impact resiliency, transit-oriented development, real estate management and planning, risk-sensitive and inclusive land use and development planning, and other related fields and sectors which are directly or indirectly involved in national to local/ urban land use and development planning.

Objectives of the International Fellowship Program are to:

1. Achieve the organizational goals set in the PLANADES Five-Year Strategic Plan;
2. Share environmentally sustainable knowledge acquired by PLANADES experts through completing their respective Project/ Programs/ Activities (PPAs). It is to engage the interested researchers (faculty members, students) practitioners, planners, advocators, engineers, architects, economist, social workers, and other sectors which are directly or indirectly involved in national to local/ urban land use and development planning;
3. Provide hands-on strategic planning workshops and involve fellowship members in on-going PPAs as an observer/ consultant, whatever is suitable; and
4. Develop partnership with local and international academic institutions through accepting local and international fellowship applicants endorsed by their respective institution/ organization/ department/ NGOs/ civic organizations.

Program Eligibility

The applicant must be endorsed by their affiliated institution and must be able to comply with one of the following eligibility criteria:

1. Must be enrolled in undergraduate, graduate, and post graduate program from a recognized university/ school/ institution from their respective country's Commission on Higher Education or equivalent;
2. Must be an employee in private/ government/ NGO/ CSO/ institution involved in the above-mentioned fields/ areas mentioned in the above introduction;
3. Must be undertaking research for their individual/ community purposes

Screening Process

The interested applicants shall convey their interest in joining the IFP by sending their letter of intent to PLANADES' official email at info@planades.org. PLANADES will then provide IFP Application Form which requires endorsement from their affiliated organization. As there are only 15 slots available without any application/ registration fees, the interested applicants will be screened by the PLANADES Academic Advisory Committee using the following screening criteria:

- Applicants from PLANADES's partner institutions will be given priority
- Research alignment with the objectives of PLANADES
- Academic achievement, work experience, and previously published researches will be considered based on their status (i.e., graduate student, employee in government, private, NGOs, CSOs, etc.)
- Only graduate and post-graduate students are encouraged to be part of the IFP. However, exceptions can be made upon the recommendation of the partner institutions and upon the approval of the PLANADES Board of Trustees

In the case of foreign fellowship members, please do note that if you wish to visit the Philippines for research purposes, PLANADES requires you to sign a waiver of no responsibility of PLANADES for all the engagements with any other institutions in the Philippines. Further, any medical-related certification and/or insurance should be secured before leaving your country of residence.

Benefits and Opportunities:

We only accept 30 fellows per batch. By joining the Program, fellows have the following opportunities and benefits:

1. A mentor to whom they can consult online or face to face regarding their research topic. For foreign fellows, the mentoring and consultations can be done online or hybrid mode. Permission will first be sought to the expert prior to engaging with the fellow;
2. Be part of the public lecture series organized by PLANADES along with other fellowship members, (free of charge). For example, guidance on publishing research on Scopus indexed journals;
3. PLANADES will not fund any IFP Member, however, assistance and support may be given in terms of paying the registration fees in joining legitimate international and local

conferences provided that their research work is accepted for presentation during international/ local conference. This is upon the request of the fellow and upon the approval of the PLANADES Board of Trustees;

4. Assistance in publishing research work in Scopus indexed journals with the help of PLANADES' pool of experts. (applicable consultation fees will be discussed with the fellow)
5. Assistance in the issuance of necessary documents (i.e. invitation/ endorsement letter) for the travel to the Philippines. However, any fee for processing visa application, travel documents and other travel expenses will be shouldered by the fellow;
6. Assistance from PLANADES Secretariat in terms of providing information on location and accommodation facilities will be provided upon request without any cost. PLANADES will not be responsible of any field visit arrangements and other outreach activities. The fellow should bear the cost of such activities.

Batch Composition

The total number of slots available per batch is 30 per year. Each batch is composed of 5 to 15 fellows free of registration/ application fees. Once the 15 slots are filled, other interested applicants for the Fellowship Program shall pay USD250.00 fellowship membership fee semi-annually.

Kindly accomplish this form as part of your application to the Fellowship Program. We are accepting applications from **25 November 2023 until 10 December 2023**.