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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, and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This Program is a joint effort of the Planning and Development Research Foundation Inc. (PLANADES), the Department of City & Regional Planning, University of Engineering and Technology (DCRP-UET), Lahore, Pakistan, the School of Urban and Regional Planning (SURP), University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines, and the Disaster Preparedness Mitigation and Management (DPMM), Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Thailand. The program is led by PLANADES with its secretariat situated currently at the University of the Philippines, Diliman Campus, E. Jacinto St., School of Urban and Regional Planning Building., Quezon City, Philippines. The program aims to contribute to research, development, and capacity-building in the various fields of environmental planning including urban and regional planning which is also one of the objectives of the MOU signed with the above-mentioned institutions. 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 Planning and Management, 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.

Following are the objectives of International Fellowship Program:

1. Achieve the organizational goals aligned with PLANADES Five-Year Strategic Plan;
2. Share environmentally sustainable knowledge acquired by PLANADES experts through completing their respective Projects/ Programs/ Activities (PPAs).
3. Engage interested researchers (faculty members, students), practitioners, planners, advocates, engineers, architects, economists, social workers, and other sectors that are directly or indirectly involved in national to local/urban land use and development planning;
4. Provide hands-on strategic planning workshops and involve fellowship members in ongoing PPAs as an observers/consultant, whatever is suitable; and

5. Develop partnerships with local and international academic institutions by 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 presently enrolled in an undergraduate, graduate, or 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. Research must be undertaken for individual/ community/ municipality/ city/ province/ region or national purposes.

Screening Process

Interested applicants may apply by sending their letter of intent to info@planades.org. PLANADES will then provide the IFP Application Form which requires an endorsement from their affiliated organization. As there are only 10 slots available without any application/ registration fees, the interested applicants will be screened by the PLANADES Academic Advisory Team/Academic Committee using the following screening criteria:

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

If fellows are willing to visit the Philippines for research purpose, a separate TOR will be issued for the engagements.

Benefits and Opportunities:

We only accept 20 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 from the expert prior to engaging with the fellow;

2. Be part of the public lecture series organized by PLANADES along with other fellowship members. For example, guidance on publishing research in Scopus-indexed journals;
3. Assistance in publishing research work in Scopus-indexed journals with the help of PLANADES' pool of experts.
4. Assistance in the issuance of necessary documents (i.e., invitation/ endorsement letter) for the travel to the Philippines. However, any fee for processing visa applications, travel documents, and other travel expenses will be shouldered by the IFP Fellow;
5. Assistance from the 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 for any field visit arrangements and other outreach activities. The fellow should bear the cost of such activities; and
6. PLANADES will not fund any IFP Fellow, 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 conferences. This is upon the request of the fellow and the approval of the PLANADES Board of Trustees.

Batch Composition

Two (2) batches of IFP are organized per year, with each batch having a 10-month duration. The total number of slots available per batch is 20. Each batch is composed of 5 to 10 fellows free of registration/ application fees. Once the 10 slots are filled (reserved for partner institutions), other applicants interested in joining the Fellowship Program can join by paying USD250.00 fellowship membership fee semi-annually.

Kindly accomplish this form as part of your application to the Fellowship Program. The application period is extended until **January 15, 2025**.