

## ADB-CAREC Institute Visiting Fellowship Program

### Rationale and Concept

The Visiting Fellowship Program to be hosted at the CAREC Institute (CI) is intended to achieve several simultaneous objectives:

1. foster a research environment at CI through a pool of selected fellows who will spend a considerable period of time researching selected topics that promote regional integration and cooperation in the CAREC<sup>1</sup> region;
2. closely work with the research team at CI through intensive interaction with Visiting Fellows. The interaction between CI researchers and Visiting Fellows can be formally structured so that the latter provides guidance to CI researchers' interests;
3. provide evidence-based policy recommendations to CAREC member country policymakers and CAREC program partners and stakeholders to further the CAREC 2030 Strategy objectives.

The Visiting Fellowship Program will support research in the following proposed areas:

3.1 policies that promote and deepen regional integration particularly as anticipated in the [CAREC 2030](#) strategy and stated operational priorities, namely, (i) economic and financial stability; (ii) trade, tourism, and economic corridors; (iii) infrastructure and economic connectivity; (iv) agriculture and water; and (v) human development;

3.2 research that has clear cross-border dimensions and overt policy prescriptions to promote regional integration. Positive spillover effects of proposed policies should guide the selection of research proposals, including, where possible, a history of policy interventions and adjustments that have shown limited results, but have the possibility of policy changes/innovations/reversals/readjustments. Single country analysis does not qualify for research support;

3.3 comparative perspectives on regional integration efforts to provide policy lessons for the CAREC region. Fellows are selected from all member countries of ADB, particularly those who have an interest in comparative inter- and intra-regional studies, such as researchers who derive comparative policy from the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS), the South Asian region, East Asian region, and the Southeast Asian region are promising areas of research interest.

### Implementing Mechanism

A joint committee of ADB-CI will process proposals Program. The committee will make final decisions on the applications and communicate the results to applicants. Where necessary, the committee can seek external assistance through a peer review process to assist in the deliberation of research proposals. Peer reviewers will be identified from within CI, ADB and ADBI.

Following provides highlights of the proposed Program:

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<sup>1</sup> CAREC Region includes Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, China, Georgia, Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

Duration of Award	Three (3) months
Location	1 visit to any CAREC country with interspersed fieldwork
Value of the Award	To include fixed honorarium for the duration of the fellowship, international travel, per diem, and miscellaneous research costs
Eligibility	Open to all ADB member countries
Application Process	03- weeks application period  Awarding decisions within two (02) weeks from closing date
Dissemination of Results	Presentation of findings in a public event to be organized by CI  Final papers to be uploaded on CAREC and CI websites and other available outreach tools including publishing

## ADB-CAREC Institute Visiting Fellowship Program Urumqi, Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, China

Asian Development Bank (ADB) and CAREC<sup>2</sup> Institute (CI) based in Urumqi, Xinjiang Autonomous Region are pleased to announce the second round of Visiting Fellows Program and invites application for fellowships from researchers who are citizens of ADB member countries. The Fellowships are intended for scholars at all levels to pursue research on a topic that is relevant to the CAREC 2030 operational priorities. As the title of the fellowship suggests, proposals that cover single country analysis will be rejected. There is a preference for at least three, preferably four or more countries as the units of analysis.

Strong preference will be given to policy proposals that address cross-border issues in the CAREC region that are considered of strategic importance to the region and solve important policy challenges. Topics should be drawn from the five operational clusters contained in the CAREC 2030 Strategy.<sup>3</sup> In brief, these are:

1. Economic and Financial Stability
2. Trade, Tourism and Economic Corridors
3. Infrastructure and Economic Connectivity
4. Agriculture and Water
5. Human Development

Further, rather than remaining within the confines of the proposed clusters as indicated in the CAREC 2030 Strategy, Visiting Fellows are encouraged to combine topics and themes across clusters, and engage with topics and themes beyond the scope of the current strategy and push the boundaries of thinking about regional integration. Especially for Visiting Research Fellows, there is a preference for proposals that engage with wider issues that have an impact on the region and address these issues within a multidisciplinary framework. A comparative inter-regional analytical approach that draws on similar experiences within the Asia-wide region is especially welcome.

### Fellowship Term

The duration of the fellowship is for a period of **three (3) months**. In exceptional cases, the term may be extended in consultation with CI.

For the period of the fellowship, the visiting fellow is required to write a Working Paper (WP) on a topic on Regional Integration. The CI will post all Working Papers on its website in a Working Paper Series dedicated to each cluster (e.g., Agriculture and Water WP Series). Before the end of their term at the Institute, they are required to present their paper in a public event organized by CI.

The fellowship is open to researchers affiliated with universities, research institutes, and think tanks in the world subject to the citizenship requirement stated above. Ideally, visiting fellows

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<sup>2</sup> Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation – CAREC Program <http://www.carecprogram.org>

<sup>3</sup>For more information on the CAREC program, please refer to <https://test0302.carecprogram.org/uploads/01-CAREC-2030-Strategy.pdf>

should have completed their post-graduate degrees at the time of application. Recent Master's degree holders and PhDs are also encouraged to apply for fellowships that will allow them to convert their dissertations and master's thesis into a book, and/or submit specific chapters as journal articles for publication.

### **Fellowship Support**

All fellows will receive a fixed honorarium for the duration of the fellowship. In addition to the honorarium, all fellows will receive airfare and accommodation costs for fellowship related travel, and other related costs that will enable them to meet their requirements. Special requests for specific additional research costs may be considered on case by case basis.

### **Application Process**

The application process involves specific intake dates and submission deadlines. A selection committee comprised of experts will advise on the proposals. Reviewers will consider the applicant's background, experience, track record, the paper's contribution to regional integration, and likelihood of completion of the proposed research project. Selection decisions will be made within two weeks of the date of submission of the application.

For the second phase of the fellowship program, four (04) fellows will be selected.

All proposals should be submitted online to the following address: **(khalidu@carecinstitute.org)** by 5 pm. Manila time on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Upon receipt of the application, the applicant will receive an acknowledgment and an expected date on the outcome of the application.

All applicants are required to submit the attached [application form](#).

### **ADB-CAREC Institute Visiting Fellowship Program Application**

Full Name (same as name in your passport)	Family Name	Given Names
Place of Birth:	Date of Birth:	Gender: M___ Female ___
Citizenship (nation from which passport is obtained)		
Email and Telephone number		
Home Address		
Office Address		
Availability for Travel (tentative)	MM / YY _____	
Educational Background:		

<p>Name of Institution Location of Institution Degree Awarded Date of Degree Awarded</p> <p>Name of Institution Location of Institution Degree Awarded Date of Degree Awarded</p> <p>Name of Institution Location of Institution Degree Awarded Date of Degree Awarded</p>		
<p>Current Institutional Affiliation</p> <p>Address and contact details of Institution</p> <p>Position and Rank</p>		
<p>Relevant Past Affiliations/Professional Associations</p>		
<p>Other Fellowships held in the past: Please specific name of fellowship, location, duration, and completed outputs</p>		
<p>REFERENCES (cite 2) including name, title, institutional affiliation, and contact details</p>		
<p>LIST OF PUBLICATIONS: List the five most recent plus other publications that you think demonstrate your research ability and interest in regional cooperation.</p>		

**Proposed Research at CAREC Institute**  
**TITLE of RESEARCH STUDY:** \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTRACT (not more than 300 words)

DESCRIPTION of the Research Project, including objectives, methodology, and expected findings. (not more than 900 words)

Specify the CAREC 2030 cluster (s) to which the proposed research aims to contribute and identify policy and knowledge gaps the research seeks to address. Clearly indicate the value-addition of the proposed research i.e. how will it add to the existing body of knowledge relating to the proposed topic. (not more than 300 words)

PRELIMINARY BIBLIOGRAPHY

OTHER INFORMATION RELEVANT TO YOUR APPLICATION