**Call for Proposals**

**CAREC Institute**

**Visiting Fellow Program**

The Central Asian Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Institute (CI), based in Urumqi, Xinjiang Autonomous Region, the People’s Republic of China (PRC), is pleased to announce the third round of Visiting Fellow Program (VFP) and invites applications from researchers who are citizens of Asian Development Bank (ADB) member countries. VFP is supported and financed by ADB. The fellowships are intended for scholars at all levels to pursue research on a topic that is relevant to the CAREC 2030 operational priorities. The proposals that cover single-country analysis will not be considered. A multi-country analysis (at least three, preferably four or more countries) approach will be given preference.

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's important policy challenges. In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, research proposals are invited in the following thematic areas:

1. Promoting trade and foreign direct investment (FDI) for increasing regional trade flows and participation in regional and global value chains.
2. Achieving 'better recovery from the pandemic' by supporting resilient policies, particularly in tourism and climate change sectors.
3. Facilitating cross-border infrastructure and connectivity among member countries.
4. Promoting regulatory environment for creating and benefiting from regional public goods (for example, vaccinations); and
5. Leveraging digital technologies for sustainable economic development.

Visiting fellows are encouraged to combine topics and themes and come up with innovative approaches towards regional integration. 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 Asia-wide is especially welcome.

**Fellowship Term**

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

For the fellowship period, the visiting fellow is required to write a working paper (WP) that should focus on regional aspects of the above topics. The CI will post all working papers on its website in a working paper series dedicated to CAREC themes. Before the end of their engagement with CI, fellows are required to present their papers in a public event organized by CI. In 2021, public event will be conducted in a virtual mode, via the CAREC Institute e-learning platform.

The fellowship is open to researchers affiliated with universities, research institutes, and think tanks across the ADB member countries. Ideally, visiting fellows should have completed their post-graduate degrees at the time of application.

**Fellowship Support**

All fellows will receive a fixed honorarium of USD 10,000 for the duration of the fellowship. Special requests for specific additional research costs may be considered on a 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 the likelihood of completing the proposed research project. Selection decisions will be made within two weeks of the date of submission of the application.

For the third phase of the fellowship program, five fellows will be selected.

All proposals should be submitted online to the following address: **qaisar.abbas@carecinstitute.org by 5 pm Manila/Beijing time on 20 May 2021.**

Upon receipt of the application, the applicant will receive an acknowledgment and an expected date on the application's outcome.

The applicant is required to submit the attached application form (Annex I) together with updated CV (max. 2 pages).

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**Application**

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