

CAREC Institute Visiting Fellow Program Call for Submission of Applications

The Central Asian Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC)¹ Institute (CI), based in Urumqi, Xinjiang Autonomous Region, PRC, is pleased to announce the fourth round of Visiting Fellow Program (VFP). VFP invites applications for fellowships from researchers who are citizens of 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 applications with proposed research 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 applications with proposed research which address cross-border issues in the CAREC region that are considered of strategic importance to the region's important policy challenges. Research projects are invited in the following thematic areas:

- Trade and investment in increasing regional value chains.
- Achieving 'better recovery from the pandemic' by supporting resilient policies, particularly in tourism, water and climate change sectors.
- Facilitating cross-border infrastructure and connectivity among member countries.
- Exploring healthcare system and underlying drivers (PPP, accessibility, quality and cost) of the healthcare system.
- Leveraging digital technologies for sustainable economic development.

Visiting Fellows are encouraged to combine topics and themes and come up with innovative approaches toward regional integration. There is a preference for applications with proposed research which 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 **three (3) months**. In exceptional cases, the term may be extended in consultation with CI.

Expected Output

The expected output of the VFP will be a joint paper and related outputs such as policy briefs, short stories, etc. The papers on the selected topics should be of high quality. The papers will be reviewed and approved by the Publication Board of the CI. All papers will go through a plagiarism check per CI's Plagiarism Policy. If deemed necessary, the papers can also be sent to CI External Review Board members to solicit further comments and suggestions.

¹ <http://www.carecprogram.org>

Before the end of their engagement with CI, fellows are required to present their papers in a public event organized by CI. In 2023, a public event will be conducted virtually via 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 proposed research. 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 application submission date.

For the fellowship program, five fellows will be selected.

Applications should be submitted online to the following address: emmat@carecinstitute.org **by 5 pm Manila/Beijing time on 31 March 2023**. Upon receipt of the application, the applicant will receive an acknowledgment and an expected date of the application's outcome.

The applicant must submit the attached application form (Annex I) and updated CV (max. 2 pages).

Important Dates

31 March 2023	Application submission
15 April 2023	Review of the application by CI, acceptance by CI
30 May 2022	Intermediate report
15 June 2022	External Board review
30 June 2023	Revision and submission of the final report
15 July 2023	Finalizing proofreading and editing process and confirmation from authors
30 July 2023	Publishing

**ANNEX I: CAREC Institute Visiting Fellowship Program
Application Form**

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		

<p>Other Fellowships held in the past: Please specify 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>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Proposed Research at CAREC Institute</p> <p>TITLE of RESEARCH STUDY: _____</p> <p>ABSTRACT (not more than 300 words)</p> <p>DESCRIPTION of the Research Project, including objectives, methodology, and expected findings. (not more than 900 words)</p> <p>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 it it add to the existing body of knowledge relating to the proposed topic. (not more than 300 words)</p> <p>PRELIMINARY BIBLIOGRAPHY</p>	

OTHER INFORMATION RELEVANT TO YOUR APPLICATION