

CAREC INSTITUTE

Visiting Fellows Program

The Central Asian Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC)¹ Institute (CI), based in Urumqi, Xinjiang Autonomous Region, PRC, is pleased to announce an open call for applications under the Visiting Fellow Program (VFP) who are citizens of ADB member countries² and are affiliated with universities, research institutes, and think tanks in ADB member countries. Ideally, visiting fellows should have completed their post-graduate degrees (PhDs) at the time of application.

VFP is supported and financed by ADB. The fellowships are intended for scholars at all levels to pursue research on a topic relevant to the CAREC 2030 operational clusters priorities³. A multi-country analysis 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 strategically important to the region's essential policy challenges. In the wake of poly crisis globally, research proposals are invited in the following thematic areas:

- 1: Green and sustainable finance in infrastructure.
- 2: Fintech (financial technologies) for Trade Facilitation Initiatives.
- 2: Local interfaces, industrial development and integration in the CAREC region.
- 3: Transcontinental (EU-CAREC) Trade and Corridors Development, Issues and Challenges.
- 4: Migration: Legal and Social Dimension.
- 5: Socio-economic inequalities in the CAREC region.

Visiting Fellows are encouraged to combine topics and themes and develop innovative approaches toward regional integration and cooperation. There is a preference for proposals that engage with broader issues that impact 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**; however, up to one month will be spend in CAREC Institute, Headquarter, Urumqi, China to enrich and strengthen the scholars and institutions connections. The term may be extended in consultation with CI's management in exceptional cases. As part of dissemination and enriching the connection, the fellows will present their work at CI's CAREC Chai, Research Conference, and Xinjiang Research Institutes and Universities.

Expected Output

The expected output of the VFP will be a CI's working paper and policy briefs for CI and DevAsia, short stories for CI's podcast, 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>

² <https://www.adb.org/who-we-are/about>

³ <https://www.carecinstitute.org/background/>

Before the end of their engagement with CI, fellows are required to present their papers in a public event/s organized by CI. The 2024 public events, physical (CI's conference) and virtual, will be conducted where these papers can be presented. The presentation recording will be uploaded to the CAREC Institute E-Learning Platform.

Fellowship Support

All fellows will receive a fixed honorarium of USD 10,000 for the duration of the fellowship; no other forms of remuneration will be provided by CI. However, **40% of** the allocated honorarium will be disbursed in advance for the fellowship staying in Urumqi, China. The remaining will be paid after successful completion of the deliverables. Special requests for specific additional research costs may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Fellowship Arrangement

The selected fellows will spend up to a month in CI headquarters in Urumqi. The fellows will be attached to the designated task managers/advisors depending on fellows proposed research relevance until the fellowship completed. CI will provide visa invitation letter, helping hotel accommodation, and office arrangement support. Fellows are required to comply with the Chinese law and to follow CI's regulations on office and information security during the period they stay at CI headquarters. All fellows are required to have health insurance for sickness and accidents and other health emergencies.

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. CAREC Institute adheres to the principles of equal ownership, regionality, fairness and balance in the representation of the countries.

For the fellowship program 2024, five fellows will be selected.

All draft proposals not less than 2000 words should be submitted online to the following address: **(emmat@carecinstitute.org) by 5 pm. Manila/Beijing time on 30th March 2024.** 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 an updated CV (max. two pages).

Important Dates

Period	Actions
15th March, 2024	Opening of the call for VFP
30th April, 2024	Concept submission
15th May, 2024	Selection of the fellows
20th May, 2024	Grant Letters are signed
30th May – 15 Oct 2024	Visit to the headquarters of the CAREC Institute
Until 15 November 2024	Revision and submission of the research report, policy brief, and DevAsia summaries
15th December 2024	Publication: finalizing proofreading and editing process and confirmation from authors,

CAREC Institute Visiting Fellowship Program Application

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 250 words)

Initial Draft: An initial description of the research project, including objectives, literature review, methodology, and expected findings. **(not less than 2000 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 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