2017-2018 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Ohio State Center for Real Estate is pleased to announce the availability of research stipends for The Ohio State University graduate students and faculty for the 2017-2018 academic year. The awards are given for the purpose of facilitating high-quality research on topics related to real estate finance and economics, urban and regional economics, public policy, urban planning, housing affordability and real estate law. Other topics in the space of real estate will also be considered.

Standard awards will typically be in the range of $2000-$5000. Those interested in receiving a stipend should submit a brief research proposal to the Center by October 2, 2017.

Research product
The research product should take the form of an academic paper or an industry white paper designed to help its readers gain deeper understanding of an issue and its impact. Original research and data collection is encouraged, although secondary analysis of publicly available data is acceptable. Projects proposed by graduate students will be required to name a faculty advisor or establish an advisory relationship with the Ohio State University Center for Real Estate.

Award recipients are expected to submit their academic paper or their white paper to be part of the Center’s working paper series and submit a two page executive summary of their findings that could be published on the Center’s website. The executive summary has to be written in non-technical language. Recipients might also be asked to present their findings at a Center-sponsored event.

The final product has to be received by the Center by July 1, 2018. Requests for extensions need to be submitted in writing.

Proposal format
The brief 2-page proposals should define the project objectives, research methodology, data (if any), anticipated findings, and academic contributions. In addition to the proposal, please submit current curriculum vitae for all applicants and contact information. Proposals may be submitted for personal support, to defray expenses associated with data acquisition, equipment, travel, and the like.

Research project proposals are to be sent to:

The Ohio State University Center for Real Estate
Fisher Hall 301
2100 Neil Avenue
Columbus, OH 43210

Or via email to hrdinova.1@osu.edu

All proposals must be received by October 2, 2017. Project investigators will be notified by the Center concerning the acceptance or rejection of their proposals in November 2017.
**Evaluation criteria**
Proposals will be evaluated by a committee formed by The Ohio State University Center for Real Estate. Awards will be given out based on the quality of the proposal, potential impact on the industry, and the timeliness of the subject at hand. The awards will typically range from $2000 - $5,000. Higher awards will be given for research entailing data collection, purchase of data sets and collaborative efforts among disciplines.

**Payment of Grant Proceeds**
Payment of grant proceeds will be tailored based on the circumstances of each awardee to ensure compliance with university and college policies. For proposals with more than one author the division of grant money will be equal, unless requested otherwise by all awardees on the proposal.

**Acknowledgement**
Project investigators agree that the research report and any subsequent publications based upon this research will acknowledge support as follows:

“This study was supported by a grant from The Ohio State University Center for Real Estate.”

**Questions:**
Any questions regarding this program or proposal should be addressed to Jana Hrdinova, Associate Director, The Ohio State University Center for Real Estate, at 614 292 8916 or via email at Hrdinova.1@osu.edu.