##### Babbitt Center

##### DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Current deadline for receipt of application by email:

**April 1, 2020**

*Dissertation fellowship awards will be announced approximately 2 months after deadline*

The Babbitt Center for Land and Water Policy’s Dissertation Fellowship Program invites applications from doctoral students whose project proposals have been approved by their committee and areconducting research in fields that address the Babbitt Center’s primary interest areas in improving the integration of land use and water management and policy, and related topics (p. 12). This Fellowship Program provides an important link between the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy’s educational mission and its research objectives by supporting scholars early in their careers.

The Babbitt Center is primarily interested in research in the Colorado River Basin, including adjacent areas (e.g., metro Denver and Los Angeles) that rely on interbasin transfers. Applicants conducting projects outside the Basin will be considered but should clearly specify the relevance of the research (i.e., generalizability and/or transferability) to issues and areas inside the Basin.

Current research topics on which we welcome Fellowship applications include but are not limited to:

* Exploration and explanation of disconnects — and opportunities for better integration — between land and water planning, law, policy, management, and governance
* Physical and social dimensions of green infrastructure, especially in arid and semiarid contexts
* Governance of land and water resources within different contexts at multiple scales
* Sustainable urban land use and water management planning and practices
* The future of agricultural land and water, e.g., ag to urban water transfer mechanisms, fallowing programs, drought mitigation, etc.
* Water efficiency and conservation in both agricultural and urban contexts
* Linked land and water dimensions of climate change drivers, impacts, and responses
* Water sustainability, vulnerability, adaptation, and resilience at multiple scales
* Public lands and water resources management

Additionally, we are particularly interested in research projects with strong potential to produce:

* Technology innovation, including:
  + Scenario planning and decision support tools
  + Open data and the development of new geospatial data sets
  + Advances in mapping and geospatial analysis methods to support management and policy decision-making
* Engagement and partnerships with decision-makers, civil society groups, and other stakeholders, especially disadvantaged communities

Your Babbitt Dissertation Fellowship application should address how your research will build on and contribute to the concerns of the Babbitt Center (p. 12), as well as the policy impacts of your research. This application document includes a frequently asked questions section that offers responses to common questions about the dissertation fellowship proposal process.

**APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

***Please read the instructions carefully. All application sections must be submitted in English.***

The Babbitt Dissertation Fellowships of $10,000 support dissertation research projects. Applications must include all the items listed below.

1. **Application Cover Sheet** (use Form A)
2. **Project Summary** (use Form B)
3. **Project Abstract** (use Form C)
4. **Submission Directions and Checklist** (use Form D)
5. **Project Description** (submit a summary of your dissertation—no longer than five pages)
6. **Curriculum Vitae and Narrative Biography** (submit a CV, not to exceed four pages, and a short narrative biography of 100-125 words.)
7. **Letter of Support from dissertation advisor** (emailed separately)

**Complete applications in electronic format must be received at the Lincoln Institute by 11:59 PM on the date of each biannual review to be considered in that review cycle.**

### The Institute will email an acknowledgment within ten days after your application has been received.

### DELIVERABLES

### 1) Electronic version of the complete application, including Forms A, B, C, and D.

The electronic version of the entire application must be written in English and submitted as a single *Microsoft Word* file. Download the guidelines and forms from the Lincoln Institute Web site, <https://www.lincolninst.edu/research-data/research#research-fellowship-opportunities> or email to [babbittfellowships@lincolninst.edu](mailto:babbittfellowships@lincolninst.edu) to request an electronic copy of the guidelines and forms.

### Format the application with margins for copying on 8.5 x 11-inch (letter-size) paper. Use page breaks for each separate section and form. All sections should be single-spaced. Send the entire application as one single *Microsoft Word* document (NO PDFs, JPEG or TIFF FORMATS will be accepted) attachment via email to [babbittfellowships@lincolninst.edu](mailto:babbittfellowships@lincolninst.edu).

### It is required to put your last name followed by your first name on the email subject line (Subject: Doe, Jane) for both application and letter of support.

**2) Letter of support to be emailed directly by dissertation advisor to** [babbittfellowships@lincolninst.edu](mailto:babbittfellowships@lincolninst.edu) *Letter of support only can be accepted in PDF format or as a Microsoft Word document.* Please ask your advisor to put your last name followed by your first name in the subject line.

**EVALUATION CRITERIA**

Applications will be judged internally by the Babbitt Center based on these five equally weighted criteria.

1. **Qualifications of applicant**

Based on the curriculum vitae and letter of recommendation, how qualified is the applicant to conduct the proposed activities?

1. **Relevance of the project to the Babbitt Center’s mission.**

How strongly and directly does the research address important linkages (or disconnects) between land and water resource policy and management, broadly construed?

1. **Public impact**

How strong is the potential for the project to be beneficial to public policy, management, governance, community support and outreach, education, or to have some other positive public impact?

1. **Broader relevance**

How likely is this research to generate results that are generalizable, applicable, and/or instructive to other contexts within the Colorado River Basin or other arid regions?

1. **Anticipated impact of funding on the project**

* What is the applicant’s degree of financial need? What kind of gap is there between existing funds and additional funds needed to complete the project?
* How are the Dissertation Fellowship funds likely to be used?

##### Form A

**BABBITT DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP   
APPLICATION COVER SHEET**

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**PROGRESS TOWARD DEGREE:** (Mark all that apply. Your answer is for information purposes only and will not impact our evaluation of your application.)

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| Proposal approved by dissertation committee | Fieldwork / data collection in progress |
| Advanced to candidacy (ABD) | Fieldwork / data collection completed |

**OTHER FUNDING:**

Please list the sources of research funding that you have *already received* in the table below.

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*Briefly describe the gap, if any, between funds in hand and additional funds needed to complete the research project.*

*How did you learn about the Lincoln Institute’s Babbitt Center Dissertation Fellowship program?*

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| *Land Lines* magazine | Colleague |
| Lincoln Institute Web site | Advisor or School/Department |
| Babbitt Center Research Network | Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

*Have you applied for a Lincoln Institute Dissertation Fellowship in the past?  Yes  No*

***\* Send the entire application as one single Microsoft Word document.***

##### Form B

**BABBITT DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP   
PROJECT SUMMARY**

The project summary should state the objectives, methods, the significance of the research, and how it would contribute to the concerns of the Babbitt Center. (DO NOT EXCEED THIS SINGLE PAGE. UNDERLINE UP TO FOUR KEY WORDS.)

**TITLE OF PROJECT:**

**APPLICANT NAME:**

##### Form C

**BABBITT DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP   
PROJECT ABSTRACT**

This abstract should state clearly the key purpose and goals of the project. If your project is selected for funding, this information will be used in Lincoln Institute catalogs and newsletters and on the Web site to announce your fellowship award.

**TITLE OF PROJECT:**

**APPLICANT**:

**Position/Department/Institution:**

# Email: Phone:

**ABSTRACT: DO NOT EXCEED 100 WORDS**

##### Form D

**BABBITT DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP**

**SUBMISSION DIRECTIONS AND CHECKLIST**

*Format the entire application (including all four forms) within one Microsoft Word document* ***(PDFs or JPEG formats will not be accepted****), and email as a single file attachment to* [*babbittfellowships@lincolninst.edu*](mailto:babbittfellowships@lincolninst.edu)*. Do not change the order of forms by moving this Form D to the beginning of your application! Also do not change the format of the forms.*

***It is required you******put only your last name followed by your first name in the subject line of your email.***

*Have your dissertation advisor email a* Letter of Support *directly to the above email address by the due date for which you are applying* ***with your last name followed by your first name in the subject line.*** *Letter of support only can be accepted in PDF format or as a Microsoft Word document.*

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| **Section** | **Page No.** |
| 1. Application Cover Sheet (Form A) | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 1. Project Summary (Form B) | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 1. Project Abstract (Form C) | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 1. Submission Directions and Checklist (Form D) | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Project Description (up to 5 pages; optional 2 additional pages for references and bibliography) | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Curriculum Vitae (up to 4 pages) and Narrative Biography (100-125 words) | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Appendix (Letter of Support emailed directly by dissertation advisor, see instructions under “Deliverables”) |  |

**TITLE OF PROJECT:**

**APPLICANT NAME**:

**frequently asked questions**

* Will my progress towards my degree impact my evaluation? ***No, as long as you meet the minimum criterion of having a dissertation research project proposal approved by your committee, your stage of progress towards your degree is for information purposes only and will not affect our assessment of your application.***
* Do I need to be a U.S. citizen to apply? ***No.***
* Do I need to be registered in a U.S. university to apply? ***Currently we are accepting applications from students registered at universities in the U.S. and Mexico.***
* Must the dissertation be restricted to cases in the Colorado River Basin? ***No, but if the study is outside the Basin, applicants should clearly specify the relevance (i.e., generalizability and/or transferability) to issues or geographies within the Colorado River Basin, including areas dependent on Colorado River water that may be outside the hydrologic basin.***
* Do you fund students working on their Master’s thesis or other professional degrees? ***We do not fund master’s thesis projects. For students pursuing a law degree or professional doctorate degree that does not require a research dissertation, we will consider supporting significant research or professional doctoral projects if they are similar in scope to a doctoral dissertation.***
* Can I apply if I have a fulltime job while I am completing my Ph.D.? ***Yes, but all applicants must be full time students.***
* How many fellowships will you grant? ***Up to eight fellowships of $10,000 each per calendar year (including both biannual application cycles).***
* Should the entire proposal be single- or double-spaced? ***Single-spaced.***
* Is there a desired format to follow when composing the five-page project description? ***No.***
* How detailed should the five-page project description be? ***Whatever best conveys the goals, intellectual merit, and design of the research, and to the extent possible addresses evaluation criteria B, C, and D in the application guidelines.***
* Should the five-page project description include a budget? ***No.***
* Can I include more pages for a bibliography and references? ***Yes, you may add up to two pages for a bibliography and/or references pertaining to your project description.***
* Must all submissions be electronic? ***Yes. Please email your proposal as a single, complete attachment using only Microsoft Word to*** [***babbittfellowships@lincolninst.edu***](mailto:babbittfellowships@lincolninst.edu) ***with your last name followed by your first name in the subject line. NO PDFs, JPEG or TIFF formats accepted.***
* Must all submissions be in Microsoft Word?***Yes. We will not accept other formats, such as PDF files. Only letters of support from advisors may be submitted in PDF format.***
* Must I also mail a hard copy of the proposal? ***No.***
* What is the format for the letter of support from my advisor***? The letter must be on university letterhead and signed by your advisor (electronic signatures are acceptable), scanned, and emailed by him or her as a PDF, JPEG or TIFF attachment, by the biannual application deadline, to*** [***babbittfellowships@lincolninst.edu***](mailto:babbittfellowships@lincolninst.edu)***, with your last name followed by your first name in the subject line. Do not mail a hard copy.***
* Can I make changes to a section of my proposal after having sent it in? ***Only if you do so before the deadline for submission of proposals and only if you send a complete revised version of the application that will replace the original one. Isolated section changes will not be considered.***
* Does the proposal deadline refer to the sending date or the date of receipt of the email by the Institute? ***Date of receipt by the Institute.***
* Will you acknowledge receipt of my application?***Yes, all applications will be acknowledged when they are processed, typically within two weeks of receipt.***
* When will I know whether my dissertation has been selected for funding or not? ***We will notify all applicants within approximately 2 months of the biannual application deadline.***
* Can I get feedback on the substance of my proposal if it is not selected? ***The Babbitt Center internal review committee typically does not offer comments regarding the content of proposals that are not selected for funding. In cases where proposals are sent out for external peer review, we may transmit the reviewer’s anonymous comments to the applicant all or in part depending on the wishes of the reviewer.***

**If you have other questions regarding the Guidelines for Dissertation Proposals, please send an email to** [***babbittfellowships@lincolninst.edu***](mailto:babbittfellowships@lincolninst.edu)**.**

***About The Babbitt Center for Land and Water Policy and Lincoln Institute of Land Policy***

The Babbitt Center for Land and Water Policy works to advance water sustainability through improved land use planning, management, and decision-making. Despite an increased recognition of the critical connections between water and land use, the planning and management of these resources remain disconnected. [The Lincoln Institute of Land Policy](https://www.lincolninst.edu/) established the Babbitt Center in 2017 to bridge this gap. The Babbitt Center is initially focusing on the Colorado River Basin, one of the most heavily used and over-allocated rivers in the world.

The Babbitt Center provides research, innovation, leadership, and education that communities and states in the Colorado River Basin require as they strive to orchestrate locally appropriate land use decisions that integrate land use and water planning. Our concerted focus and expertise, enhanced by partnerships with stakeholders and the best organizations in our field, will advance water sustainability throughout the West with theories, lessons and promising practices that can be applied locally, regionally, and throughout the world.

The Babbitt Center’s work is geared towards the following areas of focus:

* Research
  + Establish and evaluate best practices for linking land and water management
  + Develop indicators for tracking conditions throughout the Colorado Basin
* Technology Innovation
  + Advance mapping and data collection and evaluation to support management and policy
  + Advance development and adoption of adaptive management approaches, including scenario planning, to address connected land and water management challenges
* Partnerships
  + Develop and improve technical assistance efforts
  + Evaluate and advance partnerships to advance Babbitt Center objectives
* Education & Training
  + Develop and evaluate professional training to further Babbitt Center objectives
  + Improve mechanisms for identification and dissemination of best practices
  + Advance mechanisms for outreach to elected officials, practitioners and the public

The Lincoln Institute of Land Policy (LILP) is a leading resource for key issues concerning the use, regulation, and taxation of land. Providing high quality education and research, LILP strives to improve public dialogue and decisions about land policy. As a private operating foundation, whose origins date to 1946, we seek to inform decision-making through education, research, policy evaluation, demonstration projects, and the dissemination of information, policy analysis, and data through publications, our Web site, and other media. By bringing together scholars, practitioners, public officials, policymakers, journalists and involved citizens, the Lincoln Institute integrates theory and practice and provides a nonpartisan forum for multidisciplinary perspectives on public policy concerning land, both in the U.S. and internationally.

*The Lincoln Institute of Land Policy is an equal opportunity institution.*

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