

Short-term Resident Fellowship Program

CREB

About the Centre

The Centre for Research in Economics and Business (CREB) at the Lahore School of Economics aims to produce cutting-edge policy-oriented research in economics and business with a rigorous academic perspective on key development issues facing Pakistan. CREB's mission is to create a world-class think tank and economic policy discussion forum to disseminate innovative ideas and solutions to pressing real-world problems and fostering sustainable and equitable development, particularly for the poor, women, and other marginalized groups.

About the Fellowship

- CREB is pleased to offer short-term resident fellowships to PhD students and Early Career Researchers who have recently been awarded a PhD degree (usually within the past 5 years) with substantive interests in Development Economics in South Asia, particularly Pakistan. This fellowship will provide an opportunity to young scholars to engage in collaborative, high quality, applied research in order to develop their publications, expand their networks, and enhance their research and professional skills. The Fellowship Program welcomes young researchers (from institutions in high-income countries) to work together with faculty (who have similar research interests) at Lahore School of Economics, developing or initiating new research projects or collaborating on existing ones.
- Collaboration between prospective Fellows and Lahore School faculty may be on themes broadly envisioned to include theorizing political economy; exploring the social sector, with an emphasis on education, health, microfinance, and community-driven development; and investigating industrial innovation and agglomeration. This year, priority will be given to Fellows interested in working on issues related to gender.
- In addition to research, prospective Fellows will either teach a module/course of their interest to graduate students, or conduct skills training workshops for faculty on topics that have been mutually agreed upon between the Fellow and the Fellowship organizing team. Prospective Fellows will be expected to reside in Lahore, Pakistan for the entire duration of the program (which will be no less than 4 weeks and no greater than 20 weeks).

Funding

Prospective Fellow's will be paid a nominal stipend per month. In addition, their air travel and accommodation expenses will be covered. The cost estimates are as follows:

- Stipend per month: \$600;
- Round-trip economy fare, visa fees, airport transfers, etc. (estimated \$1700);
- Accommodation will be provided for the period of stay (estimated \$1300 per month);
- Miscellaneous expenses including local travel \$400 per month.

Total cost per fellow is estimated at \$4000 (for one month stay) to \$13200 (for 5 months stay). It is proposed that the maximum annual budget for the program will be \$15,000 and that initially every year there would be either one resident fellow for the duration of five months or two resident fellows for one month or more each.

Eligibility

- The candidate should be
 - Either a student in a Ph.D. program in economics (or a related field) – at least in the second year.
 - Or a young researcher at a university/research centre with a maximum of five years since the completion of their Ph.D.
- During the Program, Fellows are expected to reside in Lahore and actively participate in university activities; seminars, conferences or other events.
- The Fellowship will last for a minimum duration of 4 weeks and a maximum of 20 weeks during the Lahore School's Summer, Fall or Spring semester.

Application Process

- The following material should be emailed at creb.lahore@gmail.com
- A current curriculum vitae;
- Letter of interest to explain the applicant's motivation for applying for the Fellowship Program (500 words max);
- A concept note/design/summary document of the research idea/project to be designed, piloted or implemented during the Program;
- At least one letter of recommendation sent to creb.lahore@gmail.com directly by the applicant's supervisor or other faculty member. The subject line should read "Short-term Resident Fellowship" followed by the applicant's name.
- The applications received will be evaluated by the Short-term Resident Fellowship Committee and the shortlisted candidates will be interviewed on Zoom by at least one member of the Committee, Director CREB, Dean Faculty of Economics and the proposed research partner from the Lahore School faculty.