The UCLA Ziman Center for Real Estate is pleased to announce the availability of research stipends for the 2015-2016 academic year. The awards are given to faculty and Ph.D. candidates for the purpose of facilitating high-quality, publishable research on topics related to real estate finance and economics, urban and regional economics, public policy, urban planning and property law. In 2015-2016, the Ziman Center will continue its rollout of the Howard & Irene Levine Program in Housing and Social Responsibility and UCLA Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Program in Real Estate, Finance and Urban Economics initiatives which include research components. Special consideration will be given to research focused on housing affordability and sustainability, real estate, real estate finance and urban economics and associated topics such as capital markets, housing and mortgage and related securitization markets, macroeconomics and the regional economy, land use, environmental sustainability, urban transportation, municipal finance and the regulatory environment.

Research awards will be in the range of $2500-$7500. Those interested in receiving a stipend should submit a brief (2-page) research proposal. Proposals may be submitted for personal support, to defray expenses associated with data acquisition, equipment, travel, and the like. Research Proposals for the Ziman Center’s 2015-2016 research grant cycle are due on August 15, 2015.

In reviewing research grant requests, the Research Committee will consider:

- (a) The intrinsic quality of the proposed research;
- (b) Evidence that the research can be completed in one year;
- (c) Publication potential of the research.

The proposal should be submitted to the Ziman Center’s Research Committee, along with a current curriculum vitae and contact information. The proposal should define the project objectives, research methodology, data (if any), anticipated findings, and academic contributions. It should also include a very simple budget indicating the proposed uses of the requested funds.

Award recipients are expected to participate in Ziman Center research events and must submit at least one publication-quality working paper to the Ziman Center Working Papers series on or before June 1, 2016. The Ziman Center will also host two UCLA Real Estate research lunches where each recipient of a research grant will be expected to give a short talk about his/her research. These events are meant to build the community of real estate and related scholarship at UCLA.
The expectation is that this paper will be later submitted to a journal or other suitable scholarly publication with acknowledgement given to the Ziman Center for funding. Submitted working papers may also be selected to be edited and disseminated via the Ziman Center’s UCLA Economic Letter research brief series.

Please note that: 1) Any change in the use of funds, subject matter of the research, or requests for supplemental funding should be discussed with the Ziman Center prior to any changes or spending taking place; and 2) All expenses are subject to standard UCLA reimbursement policies and procedures.

Please address your proposal to:

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