

GENESEE INSTITUTE RESIDENT RESEARCH FELLOWS PROGRAM

The Genesee Institute is an affiliate of the Genesee County Land Bank.

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The Institute is interested in research that supports the development and application of knowledge concerning issues of land use, sprawl and urban revitalization that have a direct association with the creation and implementation of Land Banks. Research is divided into seven topical areas: property tax foreclosure reform, planning, finance, marketing and development, land management, preservation and affordable housing. These topic areas are only provided to suggest the broad array of subjects of interest to the Institute.

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Description

The Genesee Institute may award, at its discretion, a number of non-resident and resident research fellowships. The intention of these fellowships is to support research that is related to and can benefit from association with the Institute and its research interests (See Land Bank Institute Research Topic Areas) . Fellowships are intended for academics and professionals from disciplines related to these topics. These disciplines may include, planning, real estate, law, economics, public policy, social work, government, the design professions, (urban design, architecture, landscape architecture and eco-art), as well as other fields.

The Fellows Program is intended to recognize and assist those interested in advancing knowledge regarding land banks and related land planning issues. There are two kinds of Fellows. Resident Fellows are provided living accommodations, a twelve-month research stipend as well as an allocation for related research expenses. Non-resident Fellows are given complementary invitations to participate in the interdisciplinary seminars offered by the institute, conferences, access to the information resources of the Genesee County Land Bank and its staff, consulting, and the opportunity to publish professional papers through the Genesee Institute.

Fellows are asked to prepare at least one professional paper a year that can be published by the Institute or other professional publications. The Institute will help non-resident fellows solicit funded research opportunities that relate to the Institutes research agenda and in some cases the Institute may be able to make matching fund commitments. A resident research fellow receives an annual stipend of \$30,000 and an apartment in the Land Bank Center located in downtown Flint.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A FELLOWSHIP

Application Process

Application should be made to:
Robert M. Beckley, Executive Vice President
Genesee Institute
452 S. Saginaw Street, Suite 305
Flint, MI 48502
Tel: 810-233-7315
Fax: 810-233-7381

Applications should include the following:

A curriculum vitae listing the following information:

Educational and professional background (all colleges and universities attended, major fields, years, degree awarded, all positions held with dates)
Major scholarship and fellowships you have held previously (award title, institution and years)
Major academic recognition, honors, and memberships (include honor societies), professional papers, and presentations.

A statement of research interests of no more than 1000 words describing your research, and its appropriateness to the Institute research agenda. If a request for matching funds is being made a copy of the completed research application should accompany this statement.

A statement of your career goals that describes how this fellowship will advance those goals.

References from at least three academics and/or professionals who can speak to your intellectual qualifications, motivation and success at working in an interdisciplinary environment.

Fellowship Review Process

Applications are reviewed as received.
Applicants may be requested to provide additional information if deemed appropriate.
Applications will be reviewed by the Institute staff and designated board members.
Criteria used in the selection process will include: qualifications and background, quality and appropriateness of research interest, outside references and potential for contributing to an interdisciplinary scholarly environment.

Applicant notification of the final review results will be made in a timely manner.