



## Call for Research Proposals 2020

The USC Lusk Center for Real Estate is pleased to announce the availability of research award to become available in July 2020. The awards are for the purpose of facilitating high-quality research that will eventually be published in the leading scientific journals. The broad topics should be related to real estate and urban issues.

The Lusk Center is especially interested in proposals that focus on housing and real estate finance, non-residential real estate, urban entrepreneurship, urban poverty and segregation, neighborhood change, and local taxes and housing regulation. Studies can focus on the U.S. or any other country. Faculty members, Post-doctoral researchers and PhD students at USC are eligible to apply. Proposals may be submitted to pay for faculty compensation or applied for purposes of defraying expenses for data acquisition, research assistance, travel, and the like. A maximum of \$25,000 is possible per faculty member and \$15,000 per Postdoc or PhD student.

### Relevant Criteria

The Research Committee will consider the following:

- The intrinsic quality of the proposed research and topical relevance.
- Evidence that the research can be potentially published in a leading scientific journal.
- The likelihood that the proposed research might lead to external funding.
- Satisfactory performance based on past Lusk Funding (if applicable).

### Award Requirements

Those interested in receiving an award should submit a brief research proposal to the Research Committee in accordance with Appendix A (past awardees should also fill out Appendix B). The proposal should define the project objectives, research methodology, data (if any), anticipated findings, and academic (business or policy-related) contributions. Many accepted proposals may receive amounts less than requested because of competition for resources in the Lusk Center Research Fund.

### Deliverables

Faculty members receiving awards will be expected to submit a working paper to the Lusk Center Working paper series by no later than Fall 2021. The expectation is that this paper will be later submitted to a journal with acknowledgement given to the Lusk Center for funding. The Lusk Center will also host a Research Awards Presentation Day, sometime in late Fall 2021, where you will be asked to join your fellow recipients in presenting your work and obtaining feedback from colleagues and faculty members. It is also expected that faculty with funded research projects submit a Lusk Center Research Brief based on their research.

### Research Proposals are due on May 8th, 2020

Please address your proposal to:  
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