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Deadline for receipt of proposal to RERI:

January 29, 2027 Midnight EST

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2027 Request for Research Proposals
Real Estate Research Institute

$15,000-$20,000 Available to Fund Real Estate Research

Proposal Submission Deadline: January 29, 2027

The Real Estate Research Institute (RERI) seeks proposals for funding of research to be undertaken in 2027 that would be of interest to institutional investors in commercial real estate. RERI is a non-profit organization created to stimulate high-quality research with practical implications on real estate as an asset class, real estate investment performance, and market fundamentals that will elevate the quality of real estate investment decision making. Through its research funding, RERI also aims to encourage and support developing real estate researchers among junior faculty and graduate students.

Dissertations, post-dissertation research and research proposals by non-tenured faculty are welcome and will receive special consideration. Projects involving researchers from different disciplines also are welcome. However, only one proposal per research team may be submitted, but a researcher may be on more than one team. Projects that will be jointly undertaken by academic researchers and industry professionals are strongly encouraged. Projects by industry practitioners, including those seeking mentorship without funds, are also encouraged.

Proposals may involve research that is underway, but not substantially completed, at the time of application. With the exceptions of university and college settings and academic conferences, partial or completed research cannot be presented to any organization prior to the 2028 RERI Conference. Completed projects must include a two-page executive summary that synopsizes the research thesis, key results and next steps, if appropriate.

Authors should note that a separate, non-technical summary that emphasizes implications for industry practitioners or investors with a limited background in quantitative analysis may be created by a member/designee of RERI's board/advisory board and posted to the RERI website. Research projects that are funded and successfully completed will be eligible for presentation at the annual RERI Research Conference.

2027 Research Priorities

Major themes underlying research projects that RERI seeks to fund to help understand implications for real estate valuation, risk-adjusted performance and investment strategy include, but are not limited to, the following:

Risk * Demographics * Tech * ESG * Public/Private Vehicles * Property/Capital Markets

RERI is interested in supporting research projects on topics of interest to institutional investors in real estate.

Review Procedures

Proposals are reviewed by the Proposal Review Committee of the RERI Board of Directors and Advisory Board.

The Proposal Review Committee recommends to the Institute's Board of Directors the research proposals that it believes RERI should fund for 2027.

UF Bergstrom Award - Two proposals will be selected from the Board approved projects to receive the Bergstrom Award. This increases the award by $5,000 to $20,000 for these two studies. Recipients are required to permit their completed papers to be initially presented as Bergstrom White Papers and include an acknowledgment of funding from both RERI and the UF Bergstrom Center on any future publication. Submitters may indicate their preference to opt out of consideration for the UF Bergstrom Award.

Following approval by the Board, one or more members of the Board or Advisory Board are assigned as "mentors" to each research project.

Grant recipients are expected to work with their assigned mentors and provide updates on their research progress as requested.

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THE 35th ANNUAL RERI RESEARCH CONFERENCE

May 11-12, 2027
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DETAILS TO FOLLOW

Research Proposal Requirements

RERI may be able to assist in acquiring data from third-party data providers; a list of data providers is available on the RERI website, www.reri.org. Researchers proposing to use data that are neither in hand nor readily available are advised to include in their proposals detailed descriptions of the data sources, costs and timelines for acquisition. Note that funding may be reduced by the cost of data acquisition if RERI is able to source the same data as proposed for the project at the same or reduced cost.

Submission requirements: (a) Not exceed six pages in length, double spaced, including references and attachments (but excluding resumes). (b) One proposal per researcher or team of researchers may be submitted but a researcher may be on more than one team. (c) Submitted through the Reviewr Platform https://my.reviewr.com/s2/site/RERI_RFP Other forms of submission will not receive a response. (d) The proposal receipt deadline is midnight EST January 29, 2027. Submissions made after the deadline will not be considered.

Please structure proposals in accordance with the following outline:

Cover Page: Project title, name of researcher(s), organizational affiliation(s), contact details for each researcher (including daytime telephone number and email address), and a one-paragraph abstract of the proposal.

Section 1. Well-defined research objective stating the question or issue to be investigated.

Section 2. Concise description of methodology. Complex proposals may benefit from a diagram or flow chart presentation of the methodology, as well as a narrative description.

Section 3. (a) Description of principal data sets and availability. (This is a major factor in successful proposals.) (b) Plan for procuring third-party data in a timely manner, if the research will be relying on third-party data.

Section 4. Research project timetable.

Required Attachment. A one-page resume for each of the principal researchers, showing experience and understanding of the research topic as evidenced by selective references to previous work experience, presentations and/or publications.

Funding Schedule

The Board reserves the right to fund any amount for approved projects, but most projects will receive $15,000 with two selected for the additional $5,000 UF Bergstrom supplementary award. RERI encourages researchers seeking funding in excess of the normal grant amount for “large-scale” or “multi-year” projects that clearly meet RERI’s research mission to also apply. Please note that RERI, as a matter of policy, does not fund university overhead expenses.

Funding schedule is 50% upon acceptance of the proposal and 50% upon completion of the research to the satisfaction of the RERI Board of Directors. Such satisfaction includes delivering a completed white paper, a substantive draft, or an acceptable progress report by October 22, 2027 and completion of a full working paper by April 2028 (see full timetable of requirements below).

Please note that researchers are responsible for fulfilling the obligations of funding, which are detailed in the acceptance letter. If circumstances occur that prevent the completion of the project as approved by the RERI Board of Directors, researchers are expected to return the amount of funding that was provided.

Researchers funded by RERI may, at the Board’s discretion, be invited to a roundtable discussion and/or to present results at the annual RERI Research Conference in 2028. Reasonable travel costs (up to $1,000) will be covered by RERI if applicable.

2027 Dissertation Grants

Dissertation awards up to $5,000 are available for the Research Priorities topics listed previously. Dissertation proposals have the same Research Proposal Requirements. Proposals must include the vita of the dissertation supervisor(s) with a letter stating that the proposal has been accepted by the candidate’s dissertation committee. Dissertations should be completed by February 25, 2028, for possible presentation at the 2028 research conference. Funding will be granted 50% upon acceptance of the proposal and 50% upon the completion of the dissertation to the satisfaction of the student’s committee. Recipients will provide a completed dissertation to RERI after its acceptance by the student’s dissertation committee.

2027 Research Deliverables and Timetable

January 29, 2027
Deadline for receipt of proposals to RERI through the Reviewr.com platform. Proposals delivered by any other method or received after midnight EST January 29, 2027 will not be accepted**.**

May 2027
Research Grant Committee recommendations submitted to the RERI Board for approval. RERI mentors assigned to each project. Notifications of funding decisions and mentor introductions emailed.

October 22, 2027
Interim results/update due to the mentors, CC'ing RERI at reri@reri.org. Mentors review progress to date at the Fall board meeting.

February 5, 2027
Deadline for draft research papers and executive summaries due to the mentors, CC'ing RERI. Mentors will provide final comments to be incorporated into the final paper. These drafts will be utilized by the RERI Conference Committee to decide which research studies will be presented, and in what format, at the upcoming May conference.

April 9, 2027
Final papers due to the mentors, CC'ing RERI. This should be a publishable quality research paper as described in your research proposal and a less than two-page, single-spaced plain language summary of the research are to be provided to the RERI office in electronic format.

May 2027
One week prior to the conference, your plain language executive summary must be emailed to RERI at reri@reri.org. These summaries, as well as the completed research paper, will be provided to the conference participants prior to the conference start. Presentation of invited papers by one of the authors at the annual RERI Research Conference.

Partial or completed research may not be presented to any organization prior to your presentation to the RERI Conference. Upon the completion of the research project and presentation to the RERI Conference, you will be free to submit a paper based on the research to a journal of your choice. However, the RERI Board requires that the funding by RERI (and by UF Bergstrom Center, if applicable) be acknowledged in any publication or presentation. Should you wish to present early results prior to the RERI conference, please contact RERI at reri@reri.org to discuss special dispensation.

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For Questions contact
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Real Estate Research Institute

About the Institute
The Real Estate Research Institute (RERI) is a non-profit organization that was incorporated in 1987 to stimulate high-quality research on real estate investment performance and market fundamentals. Since its founding, RERI has provided funding for over 350 research papers and has helped create a body of scholarly research on topics that are timely and of interest to institutional real estate investors. RERI is supported by an extensive sponsor base of industry associations, real estate investment advisory firms, and industry research firms. Governance is provided by a Board and Advisory Board made up of leaders from both the industry and academic communities. RERI's mission is to encourage and reward research on real estate as an investment and as an asset class that is both academically rigorous and of value to the institutional real estate investment profession. In addition, RERI serves to provide a forum through which the real estate academic, professional, and regulatory communities can interact, facilitating the exchange of insights amongst these stakeholders.