



## World Bank program "Supporting Transparent Land Governance in Ukraine" with financial support from the EU

invite all interested researchers to apply for a national grant competition  
**"Land, Transparency and Decision Making"**

Winners will receive a grants of up to 50 000 UAH each and methodological support during 4 months.

Application deadlines: November 15, 2018, 23:59 Kyiv time  
Results of the proposal selection: December 24, 2018.  
Announcement of the winning research paper: April 20, 2019

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Asymmetric information about the land rights and land resources is a source of many land management problems in Ukraine. The lack of transparency in land governance forms ground for a power abuse, conflicts and seizure of land, low productivity and inadequate investment.

**Purpose of the competition:** to stimulate applied economic research in the field of land economics of Ukraine to inform the public and policy makers, to promote a political dialogue based on actual data and economic analysis.

**Who can apply:** individual researchers or small groups (up to 3 persons) who are citizens and permanent residents of Ukraine, holding at least a master degree.

**Grant size:** 25 to 50 thousand UAH (depending on quality of the final research paper)

**Grant specialization:** Land economics of Ukraine.

**Grant project duration:** up to 4 months

**How to apply:** all documents have to be submitted online to: [land\\_project@kse.org.ua](mailto:land_project@kse.org.ua) before the application deadline

**Additional information:** [land\\_project@kse.org.ua](mailto:land_project@kse.org.ua)

**Language of research:** English

**Special requirements:** The study should use open data (in particular, but not exclusively, Land Governance Monitoring) to create an important and relevant (from a practical perspective) economic analytics. Information about the Monitoring can be obtained [here](http://www.kse.org.ua/uk/research-policy/land/governance-monitoring/) (<http://www.kse.org.ua/uk/research-policy/land/governance-monitoring/>).


**Nomination:**

- Best evidence based policy research paper on the governance of land resources in Ukraine;

Up to five grants are available.

**Examples of topics (the list is not exhaustive):**

- The effect of land market imperfections and rural wellbeing.

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- The effect of land market imperfections and farms' performance in Ukraine.
  - The effect of agricultural support on farmland use patterns in Ukraine.
  - Mass land valuation: the case of state landing rental rights.
  - Countries' experiences for land management under centralized and decentralized systems.
  - Consequences of registration quality and completeness for productivity, land use, investments.
  - Factors influencing completeness of Land Cadastre and Registry of Rights data.
  - How does land ownership impact investment in agriculture?
  - Are intrinsic land values reflected in auction prices?

The competition will be organized in two rounds: i) selection of research proposals (November 16, 2018 – December 24, 2018); ii) development of the winning projects (December 25, 2018 – April 3, 2019). The results of the preliminary selection of research proposals will be available to all participants no later than December 2, 2018. Up to **ten** proposals will be selected for participation in the workshop in Kyiv on December 20-21, 2018. The final results of the research proposals selection will be announced by December 24, 2018. Up to five proposals will be selected for implementation of the proposed research and granted with the award. The jury includes professors and researchers of Kyiv School of Economics, World Bank researchers and external experts. Upon completion of the study, by the recommendation of the jury the best research projects will be invited to publication in the KSE journal "Modern economic studies", World Bank or other international journals.

**Application requirements:**

Research proposals must be submitted no later than November 16, 2018, at 23:59 Kyiv time.

The application package includes the following materials:

- A complete online registration form
  - Attachment: description of research proposal, 2-page CV of each project participant.
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