



## ICMA China Center Guest Lecturer Program

The ICMA China Center was established in 2011 by ICMA and the China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL). The Center is based in the university's School of Politics and Public Administration in Beijing and draws on relevant faculty members from throughout the university. Its mission is to improve the quality of city management in China by providing information and services to Chinese city officials.

To carry out its mission, the Center offers a Guest Lecturer Program for ICMA members to serve as pro bono lecturers and speakers in China. Opportunities are of two kinds: (1) speaking at various institutions or local governments to an audience interested in city management issues or (2) delivering brief courses on city management and related topics at Chinese universities.

### **Purpose of the Program**

The purpose of the Guest Lecturer Program is to implement one of the ICMA China Center's priorities—to share knowledge and resources. The program enables practitioners from the United States to share their expertise in local government management through a limited teaching stay in China. The Chinese greatly welcome the opportunity to build their knowledge base by learning from international guests.

### **Benefits for Guest Lecturers**

Guest lecturers have the opportunity to:

- Be immersed in Chinese culture and hospitality
- Establish working relationships with local government officials in China
- Gain insight into China's current urbanization process and how cities are being managed
- Advance their own professional development
- Contribute to enhancing professional local government management in China.

### **Program Description**

Here is an example of a recent guest lecturer assignment: ICMA selected two members to conduct intensive, 36-hour courses during summer sessions at CUPL in

Beijing. The students are undergraduates in law, political science, and administrative studies. Suggested lecture topics were:

- Urban Planning in U.S. Cities
- U.S. Urbanization and City Development Models
- Community Governance in U.S. Cities
- Citizen Engagement and U.S. Urban Environmental Governance
- Media and City Management.

Each lecturer has the same group of students throughout the course and lectures 3 hours a day from Monday through Friday, with weekends off, for 12 class sessions.

### **Financial Information**

The China University of Political Science and Law covers the following expenses:

- International round trip airfare to Beijing
- Accommodations (meals will not be covered)
- Local transportation.

In addition, an honorarium is provided to each lecturer.

### **Requirements**

Applicants are required to have at least master's degree in Public Administration, Political Science, Law, or a related field or relevant background and working experience in local government in the area of city management. Previous lecturing experience will be an advantage.

### **Application Information**

**Applications are invited periodically when opportunities become available.** Watch for announcements from ICMA. Interested members may contact Lisa Lau (llau@icma.org) for additional information.