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### **A Joint Training and Research Program for the Next Generation of Urban China Scholars**

Abstract: Capitalizing on the previous scholarly ties between UCRN and Zhongshan University, this proposal outlines a new collaborative training and research program to be implemented in China and the United States in the next two years. There are four fundamental objectives for our project: (1) to provide an opportunity for doctoral students at ZU to learn cutting-edge urban theories, methodologies, and research skills in a multi-disciplinary setting, taught by UCRN board members and other accomplished scholars both in the U.S. and China; (2) to cultivate and stimulate independent research projects (including doctoral dissertations) by doctoral students at ZU; (3) to gain international perspective by conducting a short-term fieldwork in urban settings in the United States; (4) to foster research collaborations among current doctoral students and faculty at ZU, UCRN board members, and ultimately help doctoral students pursue successful academic careers.