



Latin American Social and Public Policy Fellowships

The Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS) holds an annual competition for **Latin American Social and Public Policy Fellowships**. These fellowships are designed to assist students interested in various dimensions of social and public policy in Latin America to pursue advanced graduate studies in a department or professional school of the University of Pittsburgh.

Specific areas of specialization in social and public policy include: democratization, economic restructuring, governmental decentralization, educational or judicial reform, public health and/or nutrition policy, social security systems, social welfare reform, ethnic and/or racial justice, and technology and social change. These are meant to serve as examples and do not cover the complete range of topics and subjects that can be included as aspects of social and public policy.

To be considered eligible for a Latin American Social and Public Policy Fellowship, a student must be ACCEPTED into the department or school of the University of Pittsburgh where she/he will pursue the master's or PhD and be NOMINATED by that department or school for a fellowship.

Appropriate departments of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences are:

- Anthropology
- Economics
- Hispanic Languages & Literatures
- History
- Political Science
- Sociology

Appropriate Professional Schools are:

- Business
- Education
- Law
- Public Health
- Public & International Affairs

Fellowship recipients are appointed for Fall and Spring Terms (eight months) and, in addition to pursuing their studies as full-time students, will be able to undertake collaborative research with some of the most outstanding scholars in the field of Latin American social and public policy.

Fellowship recipients receive two years of support—with the second year dependent upon the satisfactory progress of the fellow in his/her studies. The first year of support is provided through the Latin American Social and Public Policy Program. The second year of support is provided by the department or school in which the fellow is enrolled in the form of a teaching assistantship, teaching fellowship, or other fellowship that will provide a stipend, health insurance, and tuition. Departments and schools must assure a second year of support for the students they nominate. For this reason, **only applicants nominated by a department or school will be considered for a fellowship.**

Requirements

- Superior academic record.
- Admission as a full-time graduate student in an academic department at the University of Pittsburgh, studying some aspect of social and public policy.
- Commitment to complete the graduate certificate program in Latin American Social and Public Policy.
- Fluency in Spanish or Portuguese and English.

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Benefits

- Full tuition (maximum 15 credits) for both the fall and spring terms.
- A monthly stipend to cover living costs.
- Medical insurance for the full year (September to August).
- Book and supply allowance.

To Apply for Graduate Study at the University of Pittsburgh

• Applicants must apply to a graduate studies department or school of the University of Pittsburgh. Please write directly to the department/school for an application for admission as follows:

[name of department/school to which you wish to apply]
Secretary for Graduate Admissions
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, PA 15260
USA

Students must be accepted into a department or school of the University of Pittsburgh to be eligible for a fellowship.

Do not write to the Center for Latin American Studies for application materials to graduate studies departments or schools. The Center does not offer a degree program, but a certificate. Thus, consideration for award of a Latin American Social and Public Policy Fellowship is contingent on admission by the department/school in which the applicant chooses to do graduate work. Questions pertaining to requirements for the degree should be directed to the department or school. Application deadlines for admission to departments and schools of the University of Pittsburgh vary greatly. In most cases, applications must be received by **late December**. Individuals interested in applying for admission should contact the department or school as soon as possible.

You must indicate in your application cover letter to the department or school that you want to be considered for nomination for a Latin American Social and Public Policy Fellowship.

For additional information, contact:

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Applying to the University of Pittsburgh and to the Latin American Social and Public Policy Fellowships Competition

The University of Pittsburgh is a decentralized institution and applications to each of its Graduate Professional Schools (for example, Business, Education, Law, Public Health, Public & International Affairs) and each of its departments in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences (for example, Anthropology, Economics, History, Political Science, Sociology) are managed directly by the separate units.

To Apply:

(1) Request an application form, as well as more information about the degree programs, directly from the appropriate school or department.

To write: [name of department/school to which you wish to apply]
Secretary for Graduate Admissions
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Pittsburgh, PA 15260
USA

Via the Internet, go to <http://www.pitt.edu/> and follow the links to the appropriate school or department.

(2) Applicants are responsible for assembling and submitting all the credentials necessary for evaluation of their candidacy as required by each school or department at the University of Pittsburgh. Admission deadlines vary at the University of Pittsburgh, but it is best to have completed applications submitted by December of the year prior to the fall term in which the applicant wishes to begin study (for example, December 2001 for September 2002).

(3) Applicants must request that TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) scores and scores from any other required standardized tests (such as the GRE) be sent directly to the appropriate school or department. It is advisable to apply for the TOEFL as soon as possible, because it requires a number of months to process and for the department or school to receive the test results.

(4) Applicants for the Latin American Social and Public Policy Fellowship should indicate to the department or school that they would like to be considered for nomination for this fellowship.

For additional information on the Center for Latin American Studies at the University of Pittsburgh and its programs, financial assistance opportunities, and activities, visit the Center's Internet site (URL) at <http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/clas>.