



Center for Latin American Studies
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2008-09 Latin American Social and Public Policy Fellowships

Each year, the Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS) holds a competition for **Latin American Social and Public Policy Fellowships** (LASPPFs). 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. **Preference for these fellowships is given to newly entering students.** However, based on the availability of funding, currently enrolled, full-time students also will be considered for these fellowships. Candidates for the fellowships must be nominated by the department or school in which they are enrolled.

Fellowship recipients who are **newly entering students** receive two years of support. 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. **Therefore, departments and schools must guarantee a second year of support for the newly entering students they nominate.**

Specific areas of specialization in social and public policy include: environmental management, 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.

Fellowship recipients are appointed for Fall and Spring Terms (eight months—September to April) and receive a stipend, payment of tuition and fees, health insurance, and a book/supply allowance.

Eligibility

- Open to students of any nationality.
- Candidates must be fluent in Spanish **or** Portuguese **and** English.
- Candidates must be registered as full-time students at the University of Pittsburgh.

Benefits

- Full tuition (maximum 15 credits) for both the fall and spring terms.
- Fees (student health fee, security, safety, transportation fee, and computing and network service fee)
- Stipend of at least \$14,485, paid over eight months.
- Medical insurance for academic year (September to August).
- Book and supply allowance of \$1,000.

Requirements

- Superior academic record.
- Enrollment in the Graduate Certificate program in Latin American Social and Public Policy Studies.
- Enrollment in at least one Latin American area course during each term of the award.
- Coordination, with other LASPP fellows, of the Graduate Student Latin American Social and Public Policy Conference.

To Apply

Application packages **must be submitted by the nominating department or school and must include an original plus 3 copies of the materials.** Application folders for each nominated student must include:

1. LASPPF Information Form (completed by the candidate and person submitting the application).
2. Curriculum vitae (maximum length: 2 pages).
3. Transcripts of the candidate's **undergraduate** and **graduate** record to date.
4. Brief description of the nature of the candidate's interest in social and/or public policy and long-range goals in relation to Latin America (prepared by the candidate) (maximum length: 2 pages).
5. Written evaluation of the candidate by two professors who know him/her well.
6. **Note from the appropriate person in the department or school indicating that the candidates will receive a second year (at least eight months) of funding** in the form of a teaching assistantship, teaching fellowship, or other fellowship that will provide a stipend, health insurance, and tuition; given that the fellow is making satisfactory progress in his/her studies.

Application packages should be clearly marked with **LATIN AMERICAN SOCIAL AND PUBLIC POLICY FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS** and delivered to:

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Deadline

Application packages, submitted by the department or school, must be received in the Center for Latin American Studies by **8 February 2008**.

Note to Faculty:

Please give your chairperson/dean the name of any eligible student who you think should be nominated. Especially include in your suggestions any new students who have been admitted for 2008-09.

Note to Departments: Each department may nominate up to **four candidates**. The Center would appreciate having multiple candidates **ranked** by the nominating department.”

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