

2025-26 Latin American Social and Public Policy Fellowships

The Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS) announces the 2025-26 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 graduate studies in a department or professional school of the University of Pittsburgh.

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.

The three categories of students are considered under the fellowship competition (by order of priority):

1. Newly entering students.
2. Students at the dissertation-writing stage.

Priority for the fellowships is given to newly entering students. Fellowships for students at the dissertation-writing stage and continuing students will be considered **only** if funds remain after the category 1 competition is complete. **Candidates for the fellowships in both categories must be nominated by the department or school in which they are enrolled.**

1. Newly Entering Students

Overall priority for the fellowships is given to newly entering students who are non-U.S. Citizens/non-Permanent Residents; newly entering students who are U.S. Citizens/Permanent Residents may also apply.

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.**

Eligibility

- Open to students of any nationality.
- Candidates must be registered as full-time students at the University of Pittsburgh.

2. Students at the Dissertation-Writing Stage in a Graduate Certificate Program of the Center for Latin American Studies (Preference will be given to Non-U.S. Citizens/Non-Permanent Residents)

Fellowships in this category are designed to assist students who are completing dissertations on some dimension of social and public policy in Latin America (and who are non-U.S. citizens/non-permanent residents). Applications in this category will be considered for funding **only** if funds remain after the category 1 (see above) competition is complete.

Fellowship recipients in category 2 will receive one year of support through the Latin American Social and Public Policy Program. Nominating departments/schools **are not required** to guarantee a second year of support.

Eligibility

- Candidates must be registered for Full Time Dissertation Study (FTDS) at the University of Pittsburgh and have completed all of the coursework required for a Graduate Certificate in Latin American Studies.

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- Continuing students working towards a Graduate Certificate in Latin American Studies.

BENEFITS

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.

- Full tuition (maximum 15 credits) for both the fall and spring terms for category 1 & 3 fellows and tuition for Full Time Dissertation Study for category 2 fellows.
- Fees (student health fee, security, safety, transportation fee, and computing and network service fee).
- Stipend of at least \$20,660 (equivalent to a TA stipend), 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 a Graduate Certificate program in Latin American Studies.
- Enrollment in at least one Latin American area course during each term of the award for category 1 fellows.
- Coordination with other LASPP fellows of the annual Latin American Social and Public Policy Conference.

TO APPLY

Application packages **must be submitted by the nominating department or school**. Application file for each nominated student must include:

1. LASPPF Application Form (Online):
https://pitt.col.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3t5dUEr1n6MQz4i
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. For category 1 applicants: **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 **must be submitted** electronically (pdf format) through the CLAS website:
<http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/clas/lasppf>

DEADLINE

Application packages, submitted by the department or school, must be received in the Center for Latin American Studies by **March 10, 2025**.

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 2025-26.

Note to Departments: Each department may nominate up to **four newly entering candidates and two dissertation-writing stage/continuing student candidates**. The Center would appreciate having multiple candidates **ranked** by the nominating department.