

Latin American Studies Undergraduate Research Award

Purpose

This award for student projects in Latin America aims to recognize primary research and experience as the foundation for understanding Latin American regions and Canada's place in the hemisphere.

The award is designed especially for undergraduates, with a preference for those in their **third-year of study**. It aims to support exceptionally qualified and committed undergraduate students who want to engage in bold, innovative projects in the region. Priority shall be given to **Major** or **Minor** students in Latin American Studies Students. Applicants are asked to propose a project that is likely to increase their commitment toward, and knowledge of, Latin America. The project should be completed sometime between May 1 and December 31 of the year the scholarship is granted. **It is permitted to propose a project you would pursue while engaged in a study abroad or internship programme**, but this is not required.

Award

Student(s) will receive up to \$2,500 to pursue a project in Latin America.

Eligibility

University of Toronto students who fulfill ALL the requirements listed below are eligible to apply.

1. A strong academic record;
2. Is currently in their second or third year of undergraduate studies in the Faculty of Arts & Science; priority shall be given to students enrolled in the Latin American Studies Programme.
3. Fluency in Spanish or Portuguese or a clear indication of working knowledge of either of those languages and a willingness to improve language fluency.

Application

Applicants should submit the following documents to the Undergraduate Coordinator to the following email address: las.admin@utoronto.ca **before 4:00 PM on the first Friday of March**.

1. A cover letter briefly introducing themselves and their project (including its duration)
2. Two letters of recommendation from faculty members (these may come from teaching assistants), to be sent by email directly to the same email address above.

3. A two-page, double-spaced project proposal (the project may be related to required course work or independent study. As noted above, the project may —if you wish—complement study abroad or an internship in Latin America)
4. A proposed itinerary of travel
5. A detailed budget
6. An application form and check list

Include all these documents in one single PDF document (except for the letters of recommendation) and name it: URA YEAR (Your Last Name). Use this name for the subject of your email, too.

For example, the complete document and the email with your submission should read:

URA 2020 Gonzalez

*** Incomplete and/or late applications *will not* be considered.**

Selection and Post-Field Experience

- Members of Latin American Studies Programme Advisory Committee will review all applications.
- Selected finalists may be interviewed if the Committee sees fit.
- If a selection is made, one or more awards will be announced by late-March.
- Consideration will be given to students who qualify for OSAP or who otherwise demonstrate financial need.
- Depending on the project, the student might need to complete an Ethics Review Protocol before being awarded the funds and/or traveling to Latin America.
- In addition, the recipient will be asked to make a public presentation in the following academic year to share the results of the research field trip – most likely during the Undergraduate Research Day in the Winter term.