



Latin American Studies Engagement Award 2024-25

Purpose

This award supports peer to peer engagement through the organization of events about issues related to Latin America or its diasporas in Canada.

The LAS Engagement Award 2024 provides support to individual students and student groups to organize an original and innovative event focused on issues related to Latin America or its diasporas. The event must be organized for University of Toronto undergraduate students primarily, although other community members can also be welcome. Applicants are asked to propose an event that is likely to increase knowledge of, and commitment towards, Latin America among University of Toronto students. The award supports initiatives that promote diversity, collaboration, and interaction between students, student groups and programs. The event should occur before April 30, 2025.

Award

Successful applicant(s) are eligible to receive up to \$500.00 CAD to organize an event focusing on Latin America. The format of the event is flexible: lecture, workshop, panel discussion, screening, or others, and can be held in-person or remotely. The award can be used to pay event expenses and/or honorarium for guest speaker(s).

Eligibility

This award is open to all undergraduate students in the Faculty of Arts & Science, with preference to those enrolled in the Latin American Studies Major or Minor programs. Students enrolled in the School of Graduate Studies are welcome to apply with events directed primarily at undergraduates. Students must be registered at University of Toronto in the academic term the event is held. If the application is submitted by a student group, please note in the application the student(s) enrolled in Latin American Studies – if any.

Application

We will review and adjudicate applications on a rolling basis, with a final submission deadline of **January 31, 2025**.

Any questions about the award or application form can be submitted to Dr. Berenice Villagomez or professor Luis van Isschot at: las.program@utoronto.ca

Please note that the LAS Undergraduate Engagement Award does not support:

1. Capital expenses (such as equipment costs)
2. Events that have already taken place before the application period
3. Fundraisers / charity events
4. Events not primarily targeted to University of Toronto students

Adjudication of the Award

- Events will be assessed on how closely they align with the criteria described above, and their positive impact on students at the University of Toronto.
- Members of the Latin American Studies Advisory Board will review all applications.
- We aim to inform applicants of the status of their application within ten business days of their submission.

Organization and Promotion

- Successful applicants may receive one-on-one support from the Communications & Outreach Coordinator at the Department of Spanish & Portuguese in the following areas: event planning, implementation, evaluation, and communications – provided that they consult at least 10 days in advance of their proposed date.
- Successful applicants will be responsible for the widespread promotion of the event. They will forward all promotional material to the Department of Spanish & Portuguese (including for social media channels) for approval, at least 10 days in advance of the event. Acknowledgement of the Latin American Studies program support is requested on any promotional materials and at the beginning of the event itself.

Evaluation

- Successful applicants will be required to provide a 300-word final report (including a post-event narrative and summary of outcomes) no later than 10 business days following the event. They will also participate in a post-event interview/survey.