

**Latin American Studies  
Call for Application  
Undergraduate Research Award, 2024**

**Purpose**

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

The award is open to undergraduate students in the Faculty of Arts & Science, who have a **minimum of 10.0 credits and no more than 18.0 credits completed**. The award 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 students enrolled in a **Major** or **Minor** in Latin American Studies. 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, 2024. **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. Has completed a minimum of 10.0 credits by the end of Winter 2023 and/or has completed no more than 18.0 credits by the start of Fall 2024; priority shall be given to students enrolled in the Major or Minor Latin American Studies.
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 attention of Prof. Luis van Isschot, Associate Chair of Latin American Studies, to the following email address:

las.program@utoronto.ca **before 12:00 PM (noon) on Friday, March 22, 2024.**

1. A cover letter briefly introducing yourselves and your project (including its duration).
2. The names and UofT email addresses of two faculty members (course instructors or teaching assistants are also acceptable) who are willing to act as an academic reference for you. Please include these names in the cover letter.
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 and name it: URA 2024 (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 2024 Gonzalez*

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

### **Selection and Post-Field Experience**

- Members of Latin American Studies Program's 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 early April 2024.
- 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(s) of the award agree to make a public presentation to share the results of the research field trip at a mutually convenient time during the 2024-25 academic year.

For questions regarding the application process, please email Prof. Luis van Isschot to the following email address: [las.program@utoronto.ca](mailto:las.program@utoronto.ca)