



**Centre for Latin American Studies (CLAS)  
University of Kerala**

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**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS  
CLAS Junior Research Fellowship**

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**Context**

The Centre for Latin American Studies (CLAS), University of Kerala was established in 2015 with the intent of spearheading research and studies on Latin America and developing close bilateral ties between India and Latin America. For India, especially for the state of Kerala, the significance of Latin America lies in certain economic, political and cultural factors. The vast endowment of natural resources and complementary time zones in a globalised economy are strategically important in the economic sphere. Latin America is increasingly considered an important investment destination owing to its growing industrial and manufacturing strength and continuous improvements in ease of doing business and innovation. On the other hand, India offers immense opportunities for collaboration, trade, and investment for partner countries from Latin America. The population of Kerala has often extended a warm welcome to Latin America culturally, especially to its literature and sports. Latin America has a great influence on the socio-political, cultural and agricultural spheres of Kerala. Given the need for consolidating the relations between India and Latin America, the Centre for Latin American Studies has instituted Junior Research Fellowships (CLAS JRF) to identify and encourage research students whose work will support research in various areas of India-Latin America relations.

**Objectives**

- To provide opportunities for research students in University of Kerala to engage themselves in full-time research on important themes of their choice related to Latin America.
- To assist doctoral scholars enrolled in University of Kerala who have the potential and competence for research to work full time on their approved research themes on Latin America.

**Nature of the Fellowship**

1. An amount of Rs. 32,000 per month will be awarded for one year.
2. The research done during the fellowship should lead to a publication, either as a CLAS Working Paper, or in a scientific journal, or with a reputable academic publisher.

**Selection Criteria**

1. Researcher should have enrolled in the PhD programme of University of Kerala.
2. Researcher should have completed at least one year of research (after registration).
3. The applicant should have at least two publications in UGC-CARE-listed/ Scopus-indexed journals.
4. S/he should demonstrate adequate knowledge of their research topic.
5. NET will carry weightage in the assessment of research proposal.

The applicants should submit their research proposal, CV and all necessary supporting documents (please refer to the details below) to [clas@keralauniversity.ac.in](mailto:clas@keralauniversity.ac.in). **Last Date of Submission of Application: 5:00 PM, 08<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**List of Documents to be Submitted**

1. Research Proposal
2. CV
3. Ph.D. Registration Certificate
4. Age Certificate/SSC Certificate having Proof of Age
5. JRF-NET Certificate
6. Master's Degree Certificate
7. Master's Degree Mark-sheet
8. Under-Graduate Degree Certificate
9. Under-Graduate Degree Mark-sheet
10. Copy of all publications.

**Dated**

**21/02/2023**

**Thiruvananthapuram**

