



**Centre for Latin American Studies
University of Kerala**

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

CLAS Exchange Programme

The University of Kerala, which was recently reaccruited with NAAC A++ grade, is spearheaded towards transforming into a world class institution for which studies and research related to Latin America are of utmost importance. The Centre for Latin American Studies (CLAS), University of Kerala was established in 2015 with the aim of strengthening research and studies on Latin America and developing close bilateral ties between India and Latin America. For India, the significance of Latin America lies in certain economic, political and cultural factors. 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. On the other hand, India offers immense opportunities for collaboration, trade, and investment for partner countries from Latin America. In the contemporary period, politics in India and Latin America have been characterised by strong citizen movements like the Podemos and Aam Aadmi Movement, giving new meanings to democracy. The population of Kerala, specifically, has extended a warm welcome to Latin America politically and culturally. Latin America has a great influence on the socio-political, cultural and agricultural spheres of Kerala. These strong converging interests make it imperative for the academic community of University of Kerala to forge strong institutional ties in exploring and understanding the parallels that can be drawn between these regions. Given the pre-existing convergences between India and Latin America and the need for expanding the relations to emerging research areas, the Centre for Latin American Studies has instituted Exchange Programme for research scholars of the University of Kerala, working in the field of Latin America.

About University of Kerala CLAS Exchange Programme

University of Kerala CLAS Exchange Programme aims to offer the research students affiliated with the University of Kerala, an opportunity to collaborate with any of the universities in Latin America as part of their doctoral dissertation. The programme in this academic year will be restricted to research scholars. The programme is tenable for a period of 3-6 months. The programme will cover travel, food, and accommodation costs of the selected applicants.

Selection Criteria

1. Research scholars should have completed at least one year of research (after registration).
2. S/he should demonstrate adequate knowledge of his/her research topic and its significance in Latin America.
3. S/he should have successfully completed the course work examination.
4. The applicant must have a letter of consent from a research supervisor in the university s/he desires to affiliate and correspond.
5. S/he should have at least one publication in any UGC-CARE-list/ Scopus-indexed journal/ book chapters.
6. S/he should hold a Master's degree with first class.

The applicants should submit the proposal, CV and all supporting documents to clas@keralauniversity.ac.in

Last Date of Submission of Application: 5:00 PM, 23rd March 2024

Dated

15/03/2024

Thiruvananthapuram