

# LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES CENTER

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO, BOULDER



## GUIDELINES FOR RESEARCH CLUSTER APPLICATIONS 2020

The CU Latin American Studies Center (LASC) invites applications from groups of faculty and graduate students for interdisciplinary research clusters that will be active Fall 2020 and Spring 2021. We expect to fund research clusters in amounts up to \$2,500. The deadline for this application is **Friday, March 6, 2020 at 5 p.m.**

Proposals should be initiated by University of Colorado Boulder faculty or graduate students from at least two different departments or programs. The organizing principal (i.e. research question, theme, country, region, data set) should deal centrally with Latin American and Latinx studies and should plan to meet throughout the year. Applicants are particularly encouraged to propose clusters that foster interdisciplinary collaborations, generate research data, contribute to graduate and undergraduate education and/or include public events. Sessions may be used to discuss individual works in progress but should not focus exclusively on editing solo in-progress work. The main goal is to produce collective results. The selected cluster(s) will be expected to publish a digital or print publication and/or convene a workshop or one-day symposium.

Clusters should contribute to LASC's guiding principles. The mission of LASC is to provide an institutional space for research, teaching, and discussion on Latin America at the University of Colorado at Boulder. Its general purpose is to bring together CU faculty, students (graduate and undergraduate), staff and visiting scholars interested in Latin American and Latinx issues: recognizing the diversity of their academic interests and approaches; supporting the research and teaching; and strengthening CU's links with Latin America and with communities of Latin American origin in the United States.

### PROPOSAL COMPONENTS

PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING ELECTRONICALLY AT: [colorado.edu/lasc/clusters-2020](https://colorado.edu/lasc/clusters-2020)

- Name/title of cluster.
- Cluster organizer name(s) and full contact details.
- Names, position, and institutional affiliations of other cluster members. (Note: no cluster may be drawn entirely from one department or discipline.)
- Purpose of the cluster (2-3 paragraphs).
- Details of activities that will be undertaken by the cluster in 2020.
- Estimated schedule of when the activities will take place (timeline of activities).
- Desired outcomes of this 1-2-year-long cluster (including scholarly communities formed, networks built, events held, papers prepared for publication, new initiatives undertaken, faculty research enabled, graduate students mentored, university-community collaborations created, external funding sought, etc.)
- Explain how you expect to spend the funding that will be awarded by the Center. Please be as specific as possible about your budget. Permitted: conference attendance, conference planning on campus, publication costs, food and drink budget, honorarium for speakers.
- How will this cluster contribute to the mission of the CU Latin American Studies Center?

Proposals should be 2-3 pages in length and not any longer. They are due no later than **5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 6, 2020**. Proposals will be reviewed by the LASC director and board.