

The Consortium in Latin American & Caribbean Studies



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HOW TO PROPOSE AN INTERDISCIPLINARY WORKING GROUP

UNC-Duke Consortium in Latin American and Caribbean Studies

The Working Groups provide one of the principal means by which the Consortium fulfills its missions to promote interdisciplinary research and innovative scholarship, enhance graduate education experience, and disseminate knowledge of Latin America and the Caribbean to the broader university communities. The program supports collaboration among faculty and graduate students from different departments, professional schools, and curricula on both campuses.

- **Would you like to collaborate or keep collaborating with faculty and graduate students from different disciplines who share your passion for a focused key issue related to Latin America and/or the Caribbean?**
- **Would you like to participate in discussion groups, seminars, conferences, and professional development workshops with colleagues from both Duke and UNC campuses?**
- **Would you like to invite cutting-edge intellectuals and/or practitioners in your field of study to your campus, complete a group publication, or present your graduate work for feedback from your peers and professors?**

These possibilities (and more) exist in the interdisciplinary research and training Working Groups sponsored by the Consortium in Latin American and Caribbean Studies. The competition is open to Duke and UNC faculty and graduate students from all disciplines. The Consortium will consider proposals that promote interdisciplinary, collaborative, and creative projects among Latin American and Caribbean studies faculty and graduate students at UNC and Duke University. Successful proposals will need to demonstrate strong faculty leadership and involvement. Please note that under this program, the same Working Group can be funded for a maximum of three years – however, an annual evaluation will take place (working groups can lose funding). Proposals will be considered in the following priority order:

- **Joint Duke-UNC:** Led by 2 faculty members (one from each campus) with at least 4 graduate student participants (some from each university). Note: Groups are strongly encouraged to ensure faculty leadership and graduate student participation from both campuses (Highest priority)
- **2-campus:** Led by 1 faculty member (from either campus) with at least 4 graduate student participants (some from each university). Or
- **A single-campus proposal:** This proposal will be led by 2 faculty members representing different disciplines at one campus and a minimum of 4 graduate student participants from either university. Every effort will be made to maintain parity for single-campus proposals between UNC and Duke.

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In all cases, at least two disciplines must be represented. This is an absolute priority. Funds will be awarded competitively to no more than four (4) Working Groups annually within a budgetary framework of up to \$5,000 annually (we encourage co-sponsorships if applicable).

Proposals must include:

- (1) Application Form
- (2) Proposal Narrative
- (3) Itemized budget request
- (4) Groups that were funded in the previous year(s) and are requesting funding for the new year must also complete a reporting form (see attached)

Please submit your proposal as an e-mail attachment (Word documents and/or PDF files are preferred) to Miguel Rojas-Sotelo (miguel.rojassotelo@duke.edu) in the date indicated in the call.

* Decisions will be announced as our budgets are clear by the end of the fiscal year. We expect funding to be available starting the Fall semester. If you have any questions about this process, please do not hesitate to contact Miguel Rojas-Sotelo (miguel.rojassotelo@duke.edu), Natalie Hartman (njh@duke.edu) or Beatriz Riefkohl-Muñiz (riefkohl@email.unc.edu).

Note: Working Group events must be open to the public and thereby serve to increase public awareness of Latin America and the Caribbean, past and present.