

Call for Applications
UMIA/LAS Distinguished Graduate Fellows Program
2025-26

The University of Miami Institute for Advanced Study of the Americas (UMIA) and the College of Arts and Sciences' Latin American Studies program (LAS) announce the call for applications for the 2025-26 UMIA/LAS Distinguished Graduate Fellows Program. This fellowship provides qualified Ph.D. candidates with a primary focus on Latin America, the Caribbean, or the diasporic communities of these regions with a tuition waiver and a full graduate stipend (at level of their home department) in exchange for their involvement in UMIA and LAS initiatives. The fellowships are limited to students in the College of Arts and Sciences. Since the 2015-2016 academic year, UMIA and LAS have overseen the Distinguished Graduate Fellows Program; more information on past recipients can be found at the following link:

<https://mia.as.miami.edu/events/grants/students/distinguished-graduate-fellows/index.html>

Distinguished Fellows' responsibilities include, but are not limited to, research assistance, fostering interdisciplinary exchange among doctoral students university-wide, and support for UMIA and LAS programming. The designated teaching fellow will serve as the Teaching Assistant for the Introduction to Latin American Studies undergraduate course with the possibility of teaching one mid-level course in the LAS Program during the spring semester. Each fellow's time commitment will not exceed approximately 40 hours per month. **The application deadline is Monday, March 24, by 11:59 pm.**

Eligibility

The awards will be offered to students already enrolled in Ph.D. programs in any department in the College of Arts and Sciences. Students may ask to be considered for the research fellowship, teaching fellowship, or both.

Students must be fluent in Spanish, Portuguese, or Haitian Creole and demonstrate a substantial research interest in Latin America, the Caribbean and/or their diasporic communities.

Application process

Applications must include the following and be submitted as one PDF file to MIA@miami.edu:

- Completed application form (below).
- Curriculum vitae (including fluency in a language other than English).
- A Statement of Purpose from the student that describes the student's educational and career goals, the project to be completed during the fellowship year, and how the UMIA fellowship will advance the student's career goals (two double-space pages maximum, 12-point type).
- An unofficial University of Miami transcript.
- For teaching fellowship applicants only: Provide a brief description of past teaching experience and the course title and 250-word description of a mid-level undergraduate seminar the fellow proposes to develop and teach under the guidance of Latin American Studies faculty. The description should cover the content and format of the course, and how it would draw from interdisciplinary perspectives to enrich understanding of a particular issue, problem or aspect of the region or its diasporic communities. Hemispheric approaches to Miami will be considered.

Additionally, one letter of recommendation should be submitted from a UM faculty member. The letter should be submitted directly by the faculty member to MIA@miami.edu with the reference line "UMIA/LAS Distinguished Graduate Fellows Recommendation."

Should you have any questions during the application process, please send email to mia@miami.edu.

UMIA Distinguished Fellowship Application, 2025-26

Applicant's Name:

Applying for:

☐ Teaching Fellowship only

☐ Research Fellowship only

☐ Either Research or Teaching Fellowship

Applicant's Email:

Campus Address:

Graduate Degree Sought:

Year in Program:

Department:

Country/Sub-Region of Research:

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Four key words describing research interests:

Title of Dissertation or Project to be Completed on Fellowship:

Any particular research skills or experiences the applicant wishes to highlight:

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Advisor's name, e-mail and campus address: