

See-Beyond Award guidelines for Latin American Studies

The Latin American Studies program will recommend the nomination of one of our minors to the Office of Academic Advising to be awarded a See-Beyond Grant. Any sophomore or junior enrolled in the LAS minor is eligible for the award as long as she/he follows the selection criteria and fulfills subsequent responsibilities:

Selection Criteria:

1. Two-page proposal stating the importance that your research project/internship/study will have in enhancing your LAS minor. How will this opportunity allow you to integrate your classroom learning, study abroad, language skills, interdisciplinary approach, etc.?
2. Invitation letter from the organization you would be working for or letter of support from an in-country individual, institution or organization for a research project.
3. Preference will be given for projects that last a minimum of 6 weeks (awards may be granted for shorter experiences with proper justification).
4. LAS will not support projects that take place at places where there are travel warnings issued by the Federal Government.
5. Upon your return to Skidmore, you agree to discuss your experience with LAS student and faculty, at a mutually agreed on venue, such as the Latin American Colloquium (LAS 377).

Where to look for research and volunteer opportunities:

If you are interested in conducting research abroad, knowing the local context for your project makes a difference. So we ask that you develop contacts before you go, which will help you make the most of your time at your research site. Your faculty might be a good place to start to get a sense of research and internship options in different parts of Latin America. See the LAS faculty webpage http://www.skidmore.edu/latin_american/faculty/index.php for a list of their interests and areas of expertise.

There are also useful online resources that can be of help. See our website, http://www.skidmore.edu/latin_american/volunteer_work.php for some of them. An important resource is the Latin American Network Information Center (LANIC) at the University of Texas, Austin. It is a portal designed to facilitate research, academic endeavors and internships related to the different countries of Latin America. There you may find internships or study opportunities.

<http://lanic.utexas.edu/>

We encourage the applicants to do serious research about the place they are applying to. If in doubt, talk to your professors.