



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

16/10/2024

Thiruvananthapuram

CLAS Exchange Programme

The University of Kerala, recently reaccredited with NAAC A++ grade, is spearheaded towards transforming into a world-class institution where 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 to strengthen research and studies on Latin America and develop 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. The population of Kerala, specifically, has extended a warm welcome to Latin America politically and culturally. Latin America greatly influences the socio-political, cultural and agricultural spheres of Kerala. These strong converging interests make it imperative for the academic community of the 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 an Exchange Programme for research scholars of the University of Kerala, working in the field of Latin America.

About the 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 3-6 months. The programme will cover the selected applicants' travel, food, and accommodation costs.

Selection Criteria

1. Research scholars should have completed at least one year of research (after registration).
2. She/he should demonstrate adequate knowledge of his/her research topic and its significance in Latin America.
3. She/he should have completed the coursework 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. She/he should have at least one publication in any UGC-CARE-list/ Scopus-indexed journal/ book chapters.
6. She/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: **30/10/2024**

Director
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