



Center for Latin American and
Caribbean Studies

CFP: CLACS Interdisciplinary Faculty-Student Reading/Writing Groups

CLACS invites applications from groups of affiliated graduate students and faculty to form interdisciplinary country- or region-focused reading/writing groups in the academic year 16-17. The purpose is to enhance learning about the country or region from a number of disciplinary perspectives.

Groups should have an ongoing core membership and meet at least four times per academic year. They should involve (1) reading and discussing recent or classic published scholarship from different disciplines (which may include discussion with invited visitors), and/or (2) reading and workshopping members' work. The groups should be jointly proposed by at least one faculty member and one graduate student; anticipated membership should be at least five members and should draw from at least two departments. The groups should be open to any one interested.

CLACS's sponsorship will not exceed \$2500 per group and covered expenses are limited to costs of materials (e.g. books), food for meetings, travel and accommodation for invited visitors, and a \$500 stipend to the graduate student coordinator. The coordinator will arrange and publicize meetings, arrange readings to be available, keep records of the group's activities for a brief year-end report, organize any speakers' visits, and create web content for the group on CLACS's webpage. Other items may be covered by request. CLACS can also provide some administrative support (e.g. assistance with room scheduling and visitor reimbursement).

Proposals are due to [Kate Goldman@brown.edu](mailto:Kate.Goldman@brown.edu) by September 26, 2016, and must include the following:

- Group title/one sentence description
- Names and affiliation of sponsors (minimum one faculty and one graduate student)
- Names of other confirmed and/or interested participants (minimum five total including the two co-sponsors)
- One paragraph proposal of the purpose of the group
- Preliminary proposal of what meetings will focus on
- Brief budget

Funding decisions will be made by October 7.

(Group funding may be renewed in subsequent years upon application.)