



Supporting and Facilitating Research in Latin American Studies in the Regions

The School of Advanced Study has a remit to support and facilitate research nationally, not only in London. ILAS has sought to do this primarily through two programmes:

Regional seminar series

This scheme provides funding for a series of regional seminars held over two or three terms at two or more UK higher education institutions. This scheme only applies to institutions outside London and the South-East. The scheme aims to promote the study of Latin America and the Caribbean and to foster inter-institutional collaboration, particularly where institutional support structures are limited or where scholars are dispersed across discipline-based departments. Grants are for £2,000. For the first round we asked for the programme to include at least 10 seminars, but this year we modified the call to enable fewer sessions to be held in the form of mini-conferences. While this scheme was popular for the first two years of operation, it has ceased to attract many applications.

Conference grant scheme

ILAS's conference grant scheme was offered for the first time in the academic year 2012-13 and it has supported a number of conferences which have presented innovative research on Latin American and the Caribbean topics. The grant is for up to £2,000. Applicants from outside London and the South East are strongly encouraged to hold conferences locally. While it was expected that the conferences would be held in the regions, in practice applicants often wish to hold them in London because of ease of transport and the conference support that is provided at the Institute.

We welcome comments from the Advisory Council on how the schemes might be modified to attract more applications. **We would also welcome suggestions of other ways in which the Institute might be able to support scholars of Latin American and Caribbean studies in the regions.**