Maria Sibylla Merian Center for Advanced Latin American Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences

Call: Senior research fellowship at the regional headquarters Southern Cone & Brazil in Buenos Aires, Argentina

The Maria Sibylla Merian Center for Advanced Latin American Studies (CALAS) is accepting applications for a 4 to 8-month residence fellowship for highly qualified invited researchers, located at its regional center Southern Cone & Brazil in Buenos Aires, Argentina. According to the CALAS research program, applicants are expected to contribute to the development of new methodological and analytic approaches to understand the changes and crises in Latin America. This may include a revision of Latin-American approaches, theories, and methodologies that deal with crises.

Thematic scope

Latin America has acquired significant experience in dealing with multiple crises. In facing these challenges, theoretical and empirical approaches are generated that are of importance not only for the region but also for the general understanding and solving of the current problems of humanity. CALAS's transdisciplinary research program "Coping with Crisis in Latin America" focuses on critical questions of how crises and processes of change are triggered, accelerated, decelerated, perceived, and reflected by different actors in Latin America. What strategies arise in the process to deal with crises at multiple levels? How can new approaches to solving problems, including those of a transregional nature, be effective or institutionalized?

The thematic proposals that are presented must address in one way or another these CALAS guiding research questions and its general approaches. In particular, projects that show interest in more than one of the research axes covered by CALAS and whose academic profile guarantees the interdisciplinary theoretical and methodological approaches

necessary for research in CALAS are welcome. In this regard, it is expected that the proposed Platforms for Dialogue will contribute to reflect, deconstruct and decentralize the Western-centered state of knowledge about concepts, dynamics and solutions, and to adapt them to the context of the region.

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Conditions

The fellowship is open to outstanding scholars with training in Social Sciences and the Humanities, internationally recognized for having a significant impact in their research fields. The minimum academic degree required is a doctorate; besides, scientific work and reputation, publications, experience in the research field and the quality of the submitted project will be evaluated. An operational command of Spanish is required.

CALAS is committed to inclusion and gender equality. It expressly welcomes applications from appropriately qualified severely disabled persons. The CALAS fellowship-program aims for gender parity and is promoting affirmative action policies.

The fellows are expected to be in residence in Buenos Aires, Argentina and participate in CALAS activities and events. They will have the opportunity to make use of the resources of CALAS and the respective host institution, the National University San Martín (UNSAM), including office space, access to libraries and research facilities.

Fellows will receive a competitive remuneration. In case the applicant holds a permanent position, the fellowship can be used to finance a temporary replacement.

In addition, fellowship recipients will receive reimbursement for their round-trip airfare to Buenos Aires, and to travel to the CALAS headquarters in Guadalajara, Mexico, where the fellow is expected to present his research at a public conference. Family support and a small amount for research travel expenses to work in libraries and archives will also be available.

CALAS is unable to provide accommodation for its fellows but local administrative staff will help in finding suitable places for rent.

Fellows are expected to publish the results of their research in agreement with the CALAS editorial board and, at the end of the fellowship, submit a 5-page report on their activities.

Application

To apply, please fill out the **online application form** and add the following documents in pdf format in Spanish or English language:

- A cover letter stating why your project is a good fit for the specific fellowship and what your expectations are.
- Short CV (2 pages), including a list of project-related publications.
- Copy of the doctoral certificate (2016 or earlier).
- Research proposal with research schedule, work plan, and bibliographical sources (8 pages max/4.000 words)

Important dates

- Opening of the call: February 1, 2022
- Deadline: April 20, 2022
- Notification of results: August 15, 2022
- Beginning of the fellowship: Between January and September 2023

Due to the expected number of applications, rejections will not be justified.

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