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COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES  
Latin American Studies Center

The Latin American Studies Center (LASC) at the University of Maryland, College Park invites applications for a semester-long residency in our HJ Patterson offices, beginning January 6, 2020. The unpaid residency will be awarded to two students, and includes access to a private desk in an office shared with one other resident, as well as access to our shared kitchen, lounge, meeting room, and work room. The Graduate Residents' research will be featured in a talk or workshop that showcases the work completed during their residency.

All currently enrolled UMD graduate students who are engaged in work focused on Latin America or the Caribbean are qualified to apply. We seek applicants who will contribute vitally to the LASC community. In your 1-page letter of application, please address the following questions:

1. What project do you plan to work on during the residency? How will the use of the LASC offices and proximity to LASC staff benefit your work?
2. How do you envision contributing to the LASC community? If you have been engaged with LASC in the past, describe your involvement. How do you plan to promote LASC's mission?

Send letters of application to LASC Director Dr. Merle Collins at [collinsm@umd.edu](mailto:collinsm@umd.edu) by December 2, 2019.

*The mission of the Latin American Studies Center (LASC) is to promote and build a community of students and faculty that is interested in learning about and actively engaging with Latin American, Caribbean, and Latina/o history and culture. It provides a crucial network and central source of administrative, intellectual, and cultural support and inspiration for students and faculty throughout the university, as well as a strategic point of connection between UMD and the nation at large. LASC is a cultural sphere that celebrates the linguistic, ethnic, cultural, and religious diversity of the university and its community. LASC promotes diversity and global cultural competence through its academic curriculum and programing, as well as collaborations with and service to the geographic areas surrounding the University of Maryland. LASC is devoted to an interdisciplinary curriculum that expands students' ability to learn how to apply academic knowledge to real life situations. Its curriculum, events, and activities aspire to help create career readiness for graduating students working in the United States and abroad. The Latin American Studies Certificate program and its extracurricular events help attract a highly diverse student body to the University of Maryland, and attract an equally diverse faculty who are singularly active in developing and promoting campus diversity. LASC functions as a dynamic and supportive community, in which each participant (undergraduate, graduate student, faculty, staff, public) is a crucial component of the whole.*