



2018 CLASP Teaching Award for K-12 Educators

In 2018 the Consortium of Latin American Studies Programs (CLASP) calls for nominations for its fifth annual "CLASP Teaching Award for K-12 Educators." The award was established to recognize excellence and innovation in the teaching of Latin America and/or the Caribbean among elementary, middle, and high school teachers. CLASP proudly honors teachers who have displayed continued dedication to presenting their students with an engaging and dynamic portrait of Latin America that goes beyond the textbook.

Nominations should come from CLASP member institutions. Each CLASP member institution may only submit one nominee to the CLASP Outreach Committee for final consideration.

Procedures for Nomination

Please include the following:

(1) A 1-2-page letter from the nominator providing clear and convincing evidence of the following:

- (a) Outstanding teaching effectiveness, including teaching methods and student success stories
- (b) Innovation/creativity in the presentation of Latin American content
- (c) Involvement in professional development and/or community engagement related to Latin America (i.e., the nominee seeks opportunities to learn about/engage with the region).

(2) Supporting information from the nominees, including:

- (a) Résumé
- (b) Evidence of how they have integrated Latin American content into their classes, including their approach to the teaching of Latin America and how it has helped students attain the goals of the class (1-2 pages)
- (c) One letter of support from a colleague (peer or supervisor) who can attest to the nature of the nominee's work in the classroom
- (d) Other documentation (e.g., excerpts from the lesson, student work, professional development presentation), as appropriate.

Applicants should be advised that their name, email address, and school affiliation may be entered in a CLASP directory of K-12 educators and their curriculum materials incorporated into a CLASP database of K-12 resources. Both the directory and database will be made available to CLASP members with the intention of developing a nationwide network of K-12 educators and resources. The applicants themselves may also be added to a listserv related to this initiative, which would facilitate direct resource sharing and collaboration with their colleagues across the country.

Applications will be reviewed and evaluated for teaching skills, development of innovative teaching materials and strategies, leadership, and professional development accomplishments. Nominations will be accepted through **April 16, 2018 (extended deadline)**.

Please email the nomination materials to Lindsey Engelman, Outreach Committee Chair, at lengelman@austin.utexas.edu.

The winner will be announced in May 2018 and will be awarded a \$500 cash prize.