

Consortium of Latin American Studies Programs (CLASP)
2026 CLASP Teaching Award for K–12 Educators
Call for Applications

Application deadline: May 1, 2026

Cash prize: \$500*

The Consortium of Latin American Studies Programs (CLASP) is now accepting applications for its annual “[CLASP Teaching Award for K–12 Educators](#).” The award recognizes excellence and innovation in the teaching of Latin America and/or the Caribbean by elementary, middle, and high school teachers. CLASP proudly honors teachers who have demonstrated continued dedication to developing an engaging and dynamic portrait of Latin America that goes beyond the textbook. Teachers of any subject at the K-12 level are eligible to apply.

Applications will be reviewed and evaluated for teaching skills, development of innovative teaching materials and strategies, leadership, and professional development accomplishments. Priority will be given to teachers who have worked with or participated in NRC member institution programs.

Eligible Applicants

- K-12 educator in any discipline at a U.S. educational institution
- Affiliated with a CLASP member institution (e.g. participant in a previous CLASP member institution professional development program). If a teacher is not already affiliated with a member institution, but would like to apply for the award, CLASP will provide an e-introduction to meet this criteria. See application form for more details.

Application Materials

1. Online application form, which includes the following supporting materials:
 - a. Resume or C.V.
 - b. Evidence of how applicant has integrated Latin American and/or Caribbean content into their classes in innovative ways, 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. Other documentation (e.g., excerpts from lesson plans, student work, professional development presentation) (optional, but strongly encouraged).
1. A 1–2-page letter of recommendation from a colleague (peer or supervisor) providing evidence of the following:
 - a. Outstanding teaching effectiveness, including methods and student successes stories
 - b. Innovation/creativity in the presentation of Latin American/Caribbean content
 - c. Involvement in professional development and/or community engagement related to Latin America and/or the Caribbean (i.e., the applicant seeks opportunities to learn about/engage with the region).

The award recipient will be announced in late May 2026. Questions should be directed to Molly Aufdermauer at mollyauf@stanford.edu.

Apply [here](#).

Submit letter of recommendation [here](#).

**Non-citizen applicants working in the U.S. on a visa: Check with your sponsoring institution to confirm your eligibility to receive a cash prize.*

Applicants' names, email addresses, and school affiliations will be added to the CLASP email listserv, which is used to announce professional development opportunities and teaching resources offered by CLASP and/or its member institutions. Selected applicants' curriculum materials may be incorporated (with permission) into a CLASP database of K-12 resources.