

# Society for Latin American Studies

## Notes for Applications for Conference & Seminar Grant

**DEADLINE** - 15 October

SLAS makes available funds amounting to approximately £4,000 annually to support seminars, conferences and other events which promise to be of high quality, to advance the objectives of the Society, and to appeal to a considerable number of its members.

All applicants must be members of SLAS. Applicants will normally receive a confirmation of receipt of an application within 3 working days. Applications will be retained for up to one year and will be shared with members of the SLAS committee for assessment. Applications arriving after the deadline will not be considered under any circumstances.

SLAS will not consider applications for events held within one month of the deadline for submission of applications.

All conferences and events supported must be open to all members of the Society (subject to payment of conference fees, where appropriate), which means that events should normally be held in the UK. SLAS will fund events hosted online. The contribution of the Society to any conference or event must be clearly and publicly acknowledged.

SLAS has acknowledged the climate emergency and wants to ensure that all grants include a focus on sustainability. We recognise that travel is a necessary and enjoyable part of research in our community, but we ask that applicants think carefully about how to travel in a more sustainable way (e.g. carbon offsetting, taking less-frequent trips, travelling overland instead of by air where possible). For events, we ask applicants to think about the resources used in universities and venues (e.g. no disposable cups). We encourage all applicants to include more sustainable options within any budgets, even if these are more costly than the most basic option. We also ask applicants to write a short paragraph on how the proposed travel and/or event has been planned with sustainability in mind. You are advised to read the [SLAS Climate Action Plan](#).

Recipients are required to provide a copy of the event programme including details of the papers delivered and a 500-word report which may be used on the SLAS website.

Funding is available as follows:

1 Day Workshop	Conference (lasting more than one day)	Seminar Series (separate events held over 1 year, at 1 academic institution)	Other Events
Max Funding: £500	Max Funding: £1000	Max Funding: £500	Please contact the SLAS Secretary.

SLAS is happy to support costs related to caring responsibilities (for example costs towards the provision of childcare) as part of our grant applications. In the outline budget, please do feel free to include any such costs as part of the application. **ALL** claims and paperwork must be submitted by the end of October (see timeline below).

Successful applicants must pay the costs associated with their conference or event in advance, and will be reimbursed by SLAS up to the amount of the award. To be reimbursed the conference or event accounts must be submitted to the SLAS Treasurer.

**Assessment Criteria:**

- Originality and potential contribution of the proposed conference / event – out of 10
- Feasibility and coherence of the programme – out of 10
- Rationale for the event including the impact of the seminar on the promotion of Latin American Studies in the host institution and / or locality – out of 10
- Justification of budget (including consideration of funding from other sources) – out of 5

## Application Timeline

15 October	Deadline for Conference & Seminar Grant Application.
November	We aim to inform applicants of the outcome of the application within 1 month.
After 15 November but before 31 <sup>st</sup> October of following year	Event takes place.
31 <sup>st</sup> October	All paperwork to be submitted to SLAS Treasurer to claim expenses up to the amount of the award.
31 <sup>st</sup> October	Send a copy of the event programme including details of the papers delivered and a 500-word report which may be used on the SLAS website to the SLAS Secretary.