

GOALS The Inter-University Program for Latino Research is seeking for support to create a program that will foster, mentor, and professionalize a national cohort of Humanities doctoral students focusing on Latino Studies in the completion phase in order to maximize swift and effective progress to complete the PhD and increase job-market readiness. Through this process, we hope to establish a solid infrastructure that can be sustained after the completion of the grant that can help other Humanities Latino Studies doctoral students finish within a shorter timeline.

RATIONALE There is a growing Latino population, but small number of Latino studies scholars in the humanities, particularly members of underrepresented communities, that can contribute to understanding and indeed reimagining this changing, charged and complex cultural terrain. In addition, students concentrating on Latino studies subjects oftentimes do not find mentors within the disciplines who know their subject matter leaving them personally and intellectually isolated in their disciplines. To this, financial constraints add to the reasons why many do not finish their dissertations. Placing them in Centers dedicated to Latino Studies will increase their intellectual support network and providing a fellowship will give them a year to concentrate solely on their dissertations