

**SIGLA (States and Institutions of Governance in Latin America)  
Center for Latin American Studies, Georgetown University  
Predoctoral Fellowship Call for Applications  
2024-25 Academic Year**

The SIGLA (States and Institutions of Governance in Latin America) database project ([www.sigladata.org](http://www.sigladata.org)) is pleased to offer a predoctoral fellowship for the 2024-25 academic year.

**Brief Description of SIGLA**

SIGLA, hosted by the Center for Latin American Studies, a unit of the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University (GU), is a multilingual database that provides information about political and legal institutions in Latin America. Building on its predecessor, the Political Database of the Americas (PDBA, <http://pdba.georgetown.edu>), today, SIGLA (beta) includes current information about 11 institutions in three countries. Ultimately, SIGLA will include historical and current information in three languages on 51 institutions in 20 countries.

Systematic and user-friendly, SIGLA democratizes access to data about critical institutions of governance in Latin America and aims to become the authoritative source of data on those institutions' formal attributes. SIGLA's audience includes scholars, policymakers, and other practitioners in the U.S., across the region, and around the world. The SIGLA team comprises a Director (Diana Kapiszewski), a predoctoral fellow, and 16 Research Assistants (Georgetown undergraduate and graduate students) (see [here for more information on the team](#)). SIGLA is supported by generous funding from the National Science Foundation, and National Endowment for the Humanities, and Georgetown University.

**Eligibility**

Applicants must be pursuing a Ph.D. in political science or a closely related discipline. Prior to the start of the appointment, they must have passed all qualifying exams, advanced to the level of Ph.D. candidacy, and made substantial progress toward completion of a dissertation focused on politics, governance, or the rule of law in Latin America.

**Appointment Period, Hours, Remuneration, and Benefits**

- Appointment period: 12 months (September 1 to August 31)
- Hours per week: 20 hours/week
- The fellowship provides a stipend of \$40,000 over the course of the appointment.
  - Payment will be prorated if incumbent not appointed by September 1
- Fellows are provided with a NetID and afforded access to Georgetown University systems and email; use of library resources, membership in Voluntary Contribution Retirement Plan; discounts offered through GUAdvantage; and the use of an office in Georgetown's Department of Government.

**Responsibilities and Opportunities**

Please find [linked here](#) the **position description** outlining the position's institutional, fundraising, publication-related, and research management responsibilities and opportunities. It is preferred, but not required, that the predoctoral fellow be in residence in the Washington, DC area. The predoctoral fellow will be welcomed into Georgetown University's academic community, in particular into the Department of Government and the Center for Latin American Studies, and encouraged to attend and participate in events, activities, and the intellectual life of the university.

### **Application Process**

The first step in applying for the position is to complete the **Expression of Interest form** [linked here](#) by **June 30, 2024**. Please note the form requires uploading a CV. A subset of those who complete the Expression of Interest form will be invited to submit a formal application. Those invited to submit a formal application will be required to secure three confidential letters of recommendation attesting to their scholarly promise and progress toward degree completion. A subset of those who submit a formal application will be invited to interview for the position in July 2024.

Please email Professor Diana Kapiszewski ([dk784@georgetown.edu](mailto:dk784@georgetown.edu)) with any questions.