

THE ROBARTS CENTRE FOR CANADIAN STUDIES AWARDED GRANT TO ESTABLISH A SUMMER INSTITUTE FOR THE CANADIANIST COMMUNITY IN LATIN AMERICA

The International Academic Relations Division of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade has announced that, for the next three years, it will support a Canadian Studies Summer Institute for Latin American Scholars at the Robarts Centre for Canadian Studies in collaboration with the International Council for Canadian Studies.

This is a major award that provides Latin American scholars with a unique opportunity to work with leading Canadian specialists at York on a range of public policy issues and academic concerns. Half of the time will be spent in seminars and the other half in meetings with different groups and organizations from business, government, social movements, and cultural communities. Excursions to the Toronto region are also part of the program.

The aim of the Institute is to enable participants to acquire a first-hand knowledge of Canada, culturally and socially, as well as a deeper academic understanding of their areas of expertise by attending workshops and lectures conducted by leading York scholars

The participants will be drawn from recipients of the Canadian Government Faculty Research and Faculty Enhancement grants awarded each year by DFAIT. These awards enable Latin American Canadianists to come to Canada to do research and develop projects to further their scholarship on Canada and the hemisphere. It is anticipated that there will be 20-25 participants for the eight-day Institute.

The Robarts Centre will be cooperating with the Canadian Studies Associations and Centres from Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Cuba, Spain, and Chile in the organization of the Institute. The Institute is another York initiative to develop strong hemispheric ties with leading academics and researchers. The Summer Institute will create a distinctive forum to examine issues particular to the hemisphere.

It is likely that the first Summer School will be held in 1999, but as yet there is no final decision in this regard.

The Summer Institute gives the York University community the uncommon opportunity to meet young scholars who might then participate in other York teaching and research programs.

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