



DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

The Department of History at Texas Christian University welcomes applications to our graduate program in **Latin American history**, for doctoral studies beginning in Fall 2024.

TCU's program in Latin American history follows a rich tradition of rigorous academic training that dates to the early 1960s. Our program includes [four permanent faculty](#) specializing in Latin American and Caribbean history. Our award-winning Latin American history faculty collectively cover a broad geographic range in both colonial and modern periods, including New Spain and the early modern Atlantic world; modern Central America; modern Mexico and US-Latin American relations; and colonial and modern Cuba and the Caribbean. Our thematic strengths center on social and cultural histories, and include themes such as:

- Sensory History/History of Sound
- Art & Visual Culture
- History of Cartography
- Museums, Archives, & Collecting
- Books & Print Cultures
- Prohibited Knowledge
- Ethnohistory, Race, & Ethnicity
- African Diaspora
- Native/Indigenous History
- Women's History, Gender, Masculinity
- Feminism, Intersectionality
- Law, Criminalization, & Carcerality
- Working Class/Labor history
- Urbanization, Cities
- Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade
- Slavery & Emancipation
- Empire, Colonialism, Imperialism
- Anticolonial Movements
- Urbanization and Racial Segregation
- Women's Reproduction
- History of Medicine, Public Health
- Food Studies
- History of Agriculture & Ranching
- Cold War

Admitted students also benefit from graduate faculty in adjacent fields both within and beyond the history department, including Latinx and Borderlands history, Atlantic World history, Black Studies, Women and Gender Studies, and Latin American Art History. Graduate students in Latin American history are uniquely situated to pursue [interdisciplinary certificates](#) in Women's and Gender Studies, and Comparative Race & Ethnic Studies.

The Department of History admits only a small number of applicants in order to provide full funding and close mentorship at each stage of advanced study. Admitted students receive a [generous five-year funding package](#) (tuition and stipend), [heavily subsidized health insurance](#), office space, and resources for research and conference travel, including endowed funds earmarked for history grad students, in addition to [college and university funding opportunities](#). Additional academic support is available through the [Graduate Writing Center](#), thesis and dissertation bootcamps, writing groups, and graduate student senate. Professionalization opportunities include learning Spanish paleography using TCU's new [Colonial Spanish America Collection](#), conference planning and coordination, trips with faculty to Latin American and US archives, teaching instructorships and robust opportunities for pedagogical development through the [Koehler Center](#), apprenticeships in journal editing and publishing, development and implementation of public programming and educational initiatives, workshops on alt-ac careers, and more. Our graduates consistently gain [meaningful employment](#) upon graduation.

Applicants must have a B.A. or M.A. in history, anthropology, art history, or a related field, as well as intermediate to advanced Spanish language skills. We welcome applicants from diverse backgrounds, traditions, and academic trajectories. International candidates and applicants from historically-marginalized communities are encouraged to apply. Prospective students are encouraged to email potential faculty mentors in advance of the deadline. For more information, please visit [our graduate program website](#). **The application deadline is February 1, 2024.**

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