



GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY | CENTER FOR LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES
SIGLA (States and Institutions of Governance in Latin America)

Call for RAs (Research Assistants) for Fall 2026

SIGLA (States and Institutions of Governance in Latin America, www.sigladata.org) is a multilingual digital database that provides systematic 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 several types of data for 20 Latin American countries, as well as current information on a broader set of institutions in Brazil, Colombia, and Mexico, and soon, Chile and Venezuela. Ultimately, SIGLA will include historical and current information in three languages on 51 institutions in 20 countries. SIGLA democratizes access to data about critical institutions of governance in Latin America and aims to become the authoritative source for data on formal political and legal institutions in the region for scholars, policymakers, and others in the U.S., across the region, and around the world.

SIGLA seeks **several Research Assistants** to join the team for Fall 2026.

Research Assistant Position Description

- **Duties:** Assist with envisioning, developing, and expanding SIGLA; gather, systematize, organize, update, verify, and confirm the quality of data published on the SIGLA website
- **Term:** September 8, 2026 through December 11, 2026 with the potential for reappointment
- **Hours:** 10-12 hours/week
- **Work location:** No specific work location; RAs attend at least two on-campus meetings each week.
- **Eligibility:** All Georgetown undergraduate and MA students
- **Compensation:**
 - Undergraduates – \$18.40/hr
 - MA students – GAGE-negotiated rate (estimated at \$24.04/hr.)

How to Apply

- Complete this Google Form application by **Friday, September 11, 2026 at 11:59pm:**
 - <https://forms.gle/Tk8dJAYrw8aQ1EXd8>
 - The Google Form requires that you write a 250-word essay and upload a current resume and a current unofficial transcript

Selection Criteria

- Demonstrated interest in/knowledge of Latin American political and legal institutions
- Advanced proficiency in Spanish and/or Portuguese
- Demonstrated attention to detail
- Demonstrated research skills
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Demonstrated ability to self-start, self-motivate, and work effectively independently
- Demonstrated teamwork skills