

Request for Statements of Interest

Tinker Visiting Professorship

Deadline: April 7, 2019 for Academic Year 2020-2021



About the Tinker Visiting Professorships

Columbia University is one of five major universities (Chicago, Stanford, Texas, and Wisconsin are the others) to have a professorship endowed by the Edward Larocque Tinker Foundation. The goal of the Tinker Visiting Professor program is to bring to the campus pre-eminent scholars and professionals (journalists, writers, artists, public officials, etc.) who are citizens of Latin America or the Iberian Peninsula, and reside in the region, as a means of encouraging contact and collaboration. Please note that citizens of Canada may apply as long as they are considered Latin Americanists.

Since the inception of the Tinker program in 1971, Columbia has hosted many distinguished visitors for one-semester periods of residence. These guests have strengthened our curriculum offerings on Latin America, complemented departmental strengths, and contributed to understanding of Latin American issues.

A Tinker Visiting Professor offers to teach (or co-teach) one course - a mixed graduate/undergraduate class in his/her field of expertise. The visitor is asked to also give two public lectures. The Tinker Professor will be supported by a stipend, office space at the Institute of Latin American Studies, assistance in arranging Columbia housing, roundtrip airfare from home country, and part-time research assistance. Funding can also be made available to support conferences or other events at the University related to the visitor's fields of interest during or following their semester of residence.

The Institute of Latin American Studies (ILAS) administers the Tinker Professor Program on behalf of Columbia University. For more information, contact Esteban Andrade (eea2127@columbia.edu/212-854-4644).

Nomination and Application Process

Full-time faculty in any academic department or professional school of Columbia University are invited to nominate colleagues from Latin America, the Iberian Peninsula and Canada to come to Columbia to teach, research, and advise in their areas of expertise. We request a nomination letter from a Columbia faculty member explaining the qualifications of the candidate, his or her research concentration and the specific goals of the visit to Columbia University (1-2 pages in total), as well as a current and summarized curriculum vita. An expression of support from the relevant departmental Chair will be very useful at this first stage of the process. However, it is not required that the proposing Columbia faculty obtain a firm commitment from the potential candidate at this stage.

The Executive Committee of the Institute of Latin American Studies will review these proposals by the beginning of May and invite a limited number of candidates to submit a full application, which will consist of a personal statement describing their research and proposed teaching areas with the description of one course, a complete vita, and the names of two references. The successful candidates will be appointed in coordination with the department or school of the sponsoring Columbia faculty member. Please submit applications to: eea2127@columbia.edu.