

Inter-American Studies: Research + practical work experience.
University of Graz

Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Roberta Maierhofer,

ELIGIBILITY: 2.5 GPA and 3+ yrs of study

DURATION: 8 weeks, May 30 – July 22, 2022

APPLICATION: *CV, Motivation Letter and Academic Transcript.* The documents must be uploaded on the Mobility Online Portal by December 6, 2021.

CREDIT: No exchange transcript from the host; admitted students must contact relevant department at U of T and enroll in independent research course by mid-April.

OTHER: The experience includes assisting in organizing the International Summer School.

The Center for Inter-American Studies, under the leadership of Prof. Dr. Roberta Maierhofer, was established by the Rectorate of the University of Graz as a platform for interdisciplinary and inter-regional communication and collaboration in the Americas in 2006 and was officially founded in 2007. This new interest in Inter-American relationships was sparked by processes such as globalization and transnational migration - developments that transform cultural identities and challenge conceptions of “self” and “other.” Especially in Europe, which itself is in the midst of negotiating a “European identity” in addition to national and regional ones, changing reference points demand re-conceptualization of academic perspectives. For European scholars of Inter-American Studies, the “Americanness” of the Americas and the changing qualities of “self” and “other” are of particular interest, encouraging a re-definition of positions and mental frameworks. By building intra-regional cooperation in international education based on teaching and research, new possibilities of collaboration and mobility are created and a wide variety of research projects in the field of Collective Identities, re-conceptualizing traditional approaches not only in terms of transnational and trans-regional, but also in terms of Euro-American relations, international summer schools, multifaceted lecture series, and publications contribute to the establishment of Inter-American Studies on a national and also international level.

The research student will be involved in all current projects of the Center for Inter-American Studies such as: DigLit (Lit. Up Your Phones: a Digital Toolkit for ESL/EFL Classroom to Combat Social Inequalities in Times of Covid 19 Crises), Organization of the GUSEGG Summer School "Re-Measuring, Re-Calculating, Re-Counting: State - Society - Religion in Transition", <https://international.uni-graz.at/de/summerschools/graz-international-summer-school-seggau/>