



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

**Call for RAs (Research Assistants) for Fall 2024**  
**APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED!**

SIGLA (States and Institutions of Governance in Latin America, [www.sigladata.org](http://www.sigladata.org)) is a multi-lingual digital database that provides systematic information about political and legal institutions in Latin America. Today, SIGLA (beta) includes current information about a subset of institutions in three countries. Ultimately, SIGLA will include historical and current information in three languages on 51 institutions in 20 countries. SIGLA re-conceptualizes, restructures, and updates the Political Database of the Americas (PDBA, <http://pdba.georgetown.edu>), a large-scale archive decommissioned in the early 2010s. SIGLA democratizes access to data about critical institutions of governance in Latin America and aims to become the authoritative source of data on formal political and legal institutions in the region for scholars, policymakers, and other practitioners in the U.S., across the region, and around the world.

**Research Assistant Position Description**

- **Duties:** SIGLA RAs assist with envisioning, developing, and building SIGLA; they gather, systematize, organize, update, verify, and perform quality assurance on data published on the SIGLA website
- **Term:** Sept. 9, 2024 through Dec. 13, 2024 with the potential for reappointment
- **Hours:** 10-12 hours/week
- **Work location:** No specific work location; RAs must attend two in-person meetings each week.
- **Eligibility:** All Georgetown undergraduate and MA students
- **Compensation:** \$17.50/hr. for undergraduate students; \$23.34/hr. for graduate students

**How to Apply**

- Complete the Google Form linked just below by **Friday, August 30, 2024 at 11:59pm.**
  - <https://forms.gle/HtTGvg1ZcxsqL95N8>
- **Please note** the Google Form requires that you
  - Write a 250-word essay
  - Upload a resume
  - Upload an unofficial transcript

**Selection Criteria**

- Demonstrated interest in/knowledge of Latin American political and legal institutions
- Advanced proficiency in Spanish or Portuguese
- Demonstrated attention to detail
- Demonstrated research skills
- Excellent oral and written communication skills Demonstrated ability to work as part of a team *and* independently