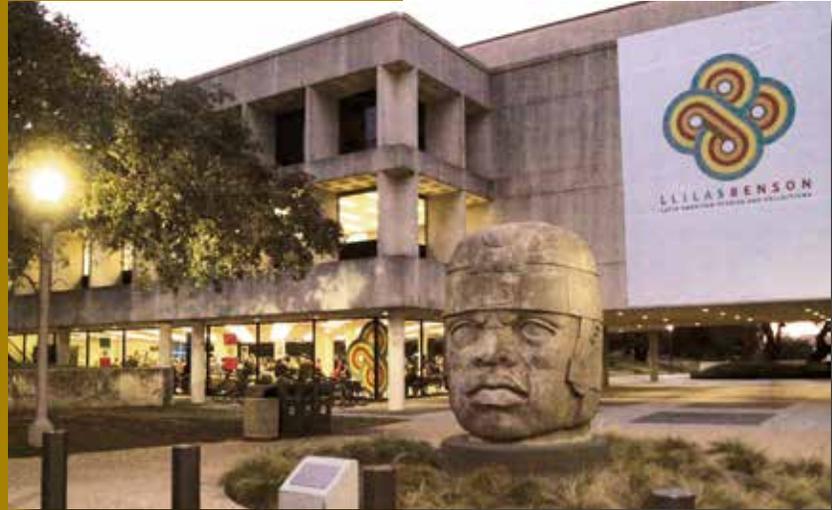


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MISSION

The Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies (LLILAS), founded in 1940 as the Institute of Latin American Studies at The University of Texas at Austin, seeks to improve knowledge and understanding of Latin America through education, research, and exchange.



ILAS TO LLILAS

University of Texas historian Charles Hackett and four of his colleagues persuaded the Board of Regents in 1940 to found an Institute of Latin American Studies, later to be known worldwide by its acronym, ILAS.

The founders noted that the university already had a remarkable library collection of Latin American materials and that Texas, because of its Hispanic heritage and its proximity to Mexico, should be particularly concerned with Latin America. Thus, UT's Institute of Latin American

Studies became the first academic center of its kind in the United States.

Sixty years later, in November 2000, President Larry Faulkner announced that UT alums Joe R. and Teresa Lozano Long of Austin pledged an endowment gift of \$10 million to support the

Institute—"one of the crown jewels of this University"—in building toward greater excellence. As one outcome of this gift, the Institute is now named the Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies, and known by its new acronym **LLILAS**.

“AT LLILAS, I LOVED HAVING THE FREEDOM to tailor the program according to my goals and at UT Austin I had the resources of a great university to complement my aims. One of the most memorable experiences was working on the ILASSA conference with my fellow students. These conferences brought us closer together and allowed us to hone our planning and management skills. LLILAS students are bright and passionate. The cohorts are small but the range and diversity of interests and experiences among students is huge. There’s so much that we can learn from each other!”



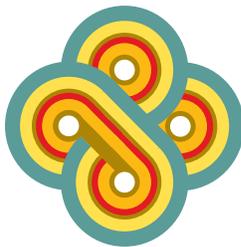
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- ▼ Interdisciplinary program granting bachelor, master’s, and doctorate degrees in Latin American Studies
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