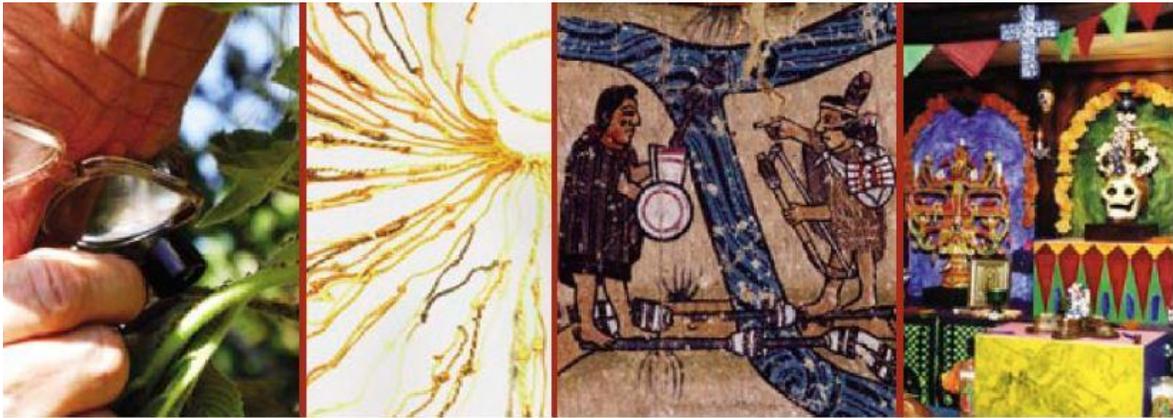




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In a first for Harvard University, DRCLAS has established a new university-wide office outside the United States to provide support for Harvard faculty and students in another part of the world. Located in Santiago, Chile, the DRCLAS Regional Office assists Harvard faculty and students in the Southern Cone countries of Argentina, Chile, and Uruguay, as well as the southern Andean republics of Bolivia and Peru.

Since its opening in August 2002, the DRCLAS Regional Office has organized, sponsored, or supported seven international Harvard conferences and sixteen public events in the region, and has hosted 30 Harvard faculty members and staff working on existing projects or exploring new ones. The Regional Office has also assisted dozens of Harvard students with internships or research projects, launched two new Harvard study abroad programs, worked closely with Harvard alumni organizations in the region, as well as strengthened relations with academic, cultural, regional, and international organizations in the southern cone and southern Andes.

Harvard faculty members currently participate in more than 25 collaborative initiatives in the five countries on topics ranging from innovative designs in low-cost housing (Graduate School of Design) to anthropological investigations on the Inkas (Anthropology), from work on gender, sexuality, and culture (Romance Languages and Literatures) to research on native plants of the southern cone (Biology). The Regional Office assists Harvard faculty on these collaborative initiatives by facilitating contacts with local institutions, providing logistical support, leveraging resources, and disseminating the results of research work.

The Regional Office has also worked closely with Harvard students to expand opportunities for research, internships, and study abroad in the region. In February 2003, the Office of International Programs and the Regional Office launched the first-ever Harvard-University administered study abroad program in Santiago. In June 2003, the Regional Office and Harvard Medical School (HMS) also began a two-month, for-credit program of intensive Spanish and international service learning for HMS students completing their first year of studies.

Serving as a base of operations and support for other areas of the University, the Regional Office works with Harvard's Alumni Office to strengthen relations with Harvard alumni clubs and alumni throughout the region and with admission officers to disseminate information about University programs. The close collaboration between the Regional Office and Harvard Business School's Latin American Research Center (LARC) in Buenos Aires, Argentina, has led to plans for a new Harvard study abroad program in that city.

The Regional Office is housed in independent offices on the third floor of the FLACSO (Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences) building in Santiago, Chile with office space for Harvard faculty and its own seminar room. Through a collaborative agreement with the adjoining CEPAL complex (United Nations' Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean), the Regional Office has access to conference spaces and state-of-the-art videoconferencing facilities.