

Call for Applications

ISSR Latin American Libraries

The International Society for Science and Religion

Aim and summary

The International Society for Science and Religion (ISSR) will offer recently published key works including translations and monographs in Spanish and Portuguese at the intersection of science, philosophy, and theology to Latin American Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). These collections of books will have the title of the “ISSR Latin American Libraries”, which will provide Latin American scholars in philosophy and theology with access to the latest scholarly resources in science and religion in their own languages.

The Portuguese ISSR Latin American Library comprises 25 volumes from the *Associação Brasileira de Cristãos na Ciência – ABC²*. The Spanish ISSR Latin American Library comprises 36 volumes including volumes in the *Grupo de Comunicación Loyola series in Science and Religion* and the *Ediciones Logos-Universidad Austral collection from Science to Philosophy*. A detailed list of the volumes included in each collection can be found in the website.

There will be two rounds of applications for applying to the ISSR Latin American Libraries, with deadlines on **15 February 2022** and **15 August 2022**. Applicants should complete the *online application form* by these dates. The first round will award at least 13 ISSR Latin American Libraries in each language, while the second round will award up-to 17. ISSR Latin American Libraries will be awarded by competitive assessment on the basis of the criteria detailed below.

Eligibility

ISSR Latin American libraries will be awarded to Latin American Higher Education Institutions in which research and teaching into science and religion is conducted at a university faculty, research centre, or institute of that University. Seminaries of any denomination are included in the definition of a Higher Education Institution for the sake of this call for applications. Applications must be submitted by an interested Faculty member on behalf of the institution.

Selection criteria

Applications will be assessed by a Board of Consultants including Iberioamerican ISSR Fellows according to the following criteria:

- evidence of past work (research and/or teaching) at the institution on science and religion;
- prospective institutional developments on this work;
- faculty working on issues related to science and religion (in research or teaching);
- courses related to these matters on offer at the institution.
- institutional academic commitment to science, philosophy, and theology;
- potential for longer-term plans for institutional development

The justification statement must explain how the institution meets these criteria.

Proposal submission instructions

Applications, in English, Spanish or Portuguese, must be received no later than **15 February 2022** for the first round, and **15 August 2022** for the second round. All applications must include the following documents:

- An online application form, properly completed:
 - principal contact
 - name and basic details of the institution
 - justification statement, including faculties, centres, or institutes that will benefit from the collection
- Statement of support from the faculty, centre, or institute (as appropriate)
- Statement of support from the institution's librarian

The ISSR will announce the results of the applications by 15 March 2022 for the first round and 15 September 2022 for the second round.

Successful applicants' obligations

Successful individuals or research teams will be required to:

- prepare a brief statement in English for the ISSR project website
- publicise the award in their university's weekly or monthly newsletter

Application process milestones

1. Applicants prepare documents for application
2. Applicants submit documents before **15 February 2022** (for the first round) and **15 August 2022** (for the second round)
3. Assessment of applications
4. ISSR announces successful applications by 15 March 2022 (for the first round) and 15 September 2022 (for the second round)
5. Contracts are signed, and libraries are sent afterwards, before July 2022 (for the first round) and February 2023 (for the second round)
6. Clippings of institutional newsletters are submitted to the ISSR by April 2023

Should you require further information about the application process, please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions below. If your question is not answered, please contact the ISSR:

For queries in Spanish/English, contact Agustina Lombardi at latam.sp@issr.org.uk.

For queries in Portuguese/English, contact Tiago Garros at latam.br@issr.org.uk.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who can apply?

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2. When are the deadlines?

*The deadline for submissions of applications, which can be submitted in English, Spanish or Portuguese, are **15 February 2022** for the first round and **15 August 2022** for the second round.*

3. Who should provide the supporting statement of the university library?

The institutional support should be made in the form of a signed letter by the relevant authority of the library that will receive the ISSR Latin American Library.

4. Who should provide the supporting statement of the faculty, centre, or institute?

The institutional support should be made in the form of a signed letter by the relevant authority of the faculty, centre, or institute interested in acquiring the ISSR Latin American Library.

5. Can my University apply if it has received the previous ISSR Library?

Yes. There are no restrictions arising from previous participation in other ISSR projects.

6. When would the awards be announced?

The ISSR will announce successful applications by 15 March 2022 (for the first round) and 15 September 2022 (for the second round).

7. When will I receive the ISSR Latin American Library if my application is successful?

It is expected that ISSR Latin American Libraries will be shipped to awarded institutions (in the name of the Faculty member) after contracts are signed, before July 2022 (for the first round) and April 2023 (for the second round).