Monday, April 13, 2020, Washington D.C., U.S.A. – Georgetown University’s Latin America Leadership Program (LALP) has launched the call for applications for the seventh edition of its Innovation and Leadership in Government Program, (ILG), a professional development, non-credit executive education program for mid-career public managers from Latin America. The annual program aims to equip participants with the analytical frameworks and tools to develop and implement innovative public policies, while providing them with leadership development opportunities to effectively promote new ideas and programs in their respective government entities.

This year, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the ILG program has been redesigned to ensure the same level of academics, experiential learning and networking opportunities, while allowing ILG participants an opportunity to respond to their own professional and personal situations during this crisis from their home countries. Thus, the Georgetown University Latin America Leadership Program (LALP) has made the decision to offer this year’s Innovation & Leadership in Government Program as a live virtual, part-time program to facilitate the continuation of current government work. Please know that our ILG faculty and program staff are committed to ensuring that the ILG 2020 program activities continue to be interactive and engaging for all participants, regardless of the modality in which they are taught.

In this sense, the ILG 2020 program has been expanded from its original three weeks (full immersion program in DC) to eight weeks (part-time to allow for continuation of current work during the crisis). The program will run two days a week (Mondays and Tuesdays) for eight weeks, from September 21 through November 10, 2020. The ILG 2020 program will present the traditional ILG curriculum through live virtual sessions with Georgetown University faculty and visiting lecturers, and various virtual visits to institutions in the Washington DC area featuring guest speakers from multilateral organizations, government institutions, think tanks, and public
advisory companies to analyze some of the most pressing challenges facing the public sector, including the consequences of this COVID-19 pandemic. The live sessions and virtual visits will allow faculty to tailor-make the content of their courses to fit the ILG participants’ public policy proposals. In addition, the ILG 2020 program will include teambuilding opportunities, peer-to-peer coaching sessions to allow participants a space to share ideas, experiences, and best practices, as well as mentoring opportunities with experts in the field. The program will be taught in Spanish.

Interested applicants must come from a Latin American country, be currently working in a local, state, or federal government in Latin America, and possess five or more years of experience relevant to the development, implementation, and or/evaluation of public policies. To date, the ILG Program has welcomed about 140 mid-career public managers from 18 countries in the Latin-American region and the Caribbean. ILG alumni have organized under the ILG Alumni Network, a student-led initiative that serves to unite and connect ILG alumni throughout the years, and foster links with other Georgetown University's Latin America Leadership Program (LALP) alumni. The network aims to promote governability and innovation in the region by organizing and hosting local events and strengthening collaboration amongst alumni beyond their time at Georgetown.

**ILG 2020 application period opens on April 13, 2020.** For ILG 2020, LALP will evaluate applications on a rolling basis, as they are received, until the ILG 2020 designated class size is met (up to 30 students). **Apply to ILG 2020 Program** at [https://georgetown-ilg.smapply.io/](https://georgetown-ilg.smapply.io/)

**The cost of this year's program is $2,500 per participant.** Selected applicants may request to be considered for a partial, need-based scholarship of up to $1,000 of the program cost. To do so, applicants have to indicate their reasons to request a scholarship in their online application.

For more information on the ILG program, visit [https://lalp.georgetown.edu/topics/innovation-and-leadership-in-government](https://lalp.georgetown.edu/topics/innovation-and-leadership-in-government)

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