



AEJMC-Knudson Latin America Prize

Nominations are due January 15, 2026.

AEJMC is calling for books and manuscript length non-fiction reporting projects (including multi-media) for the AEJMC-Knudson Latin America Prize. This is an annual award given to a book or substantive project concerning Latin America or coverage of issues in Latin America. The media and communication areas covered by the book or project can include journalism, public relations, advertising, visual communication, digital and social media, technological transformations, and the range of other areas and sub-disciplines that AEJMC's divisions represent. This award was endowed by the late Jerry Knudson, an emeritus professor at Temple University. Knudson was a long-time AEJMC member whose research and publications focused on Latin America.

Nominated or self-nominated works must make an original and significant contribution to improving knowledge about Latin America among U.S. students, journalists or the public. Preference will be given to submissions that tackle civic issues or concerns that promote social change and break new ground.

The AEJMC Elected Standing Committee on Research encourages the consideration and nomination of diverse candidates for this award, including women and individuals from underrepresented groups. Eligible authors must be current AEJMC members as of December 31, 2025. The submission should either be journalistic or academic in nature, or both. The submission may be the result of one author or a team's work.

The work must have been published in English. Only one submission is allowed per author or team of authors. AEJMC reserves the right not to present the award in any given year. Books or projects must have been published, digitally or in print, in 2025. Nominations are due by January 15, 2026. The winner will be notified in June 2026. The winner must agree to be a registered participant at the 2026 AEJMC Conference and present at the book award panel.

To submit a work for the AEJMC-Knudson Latin America Prize, please submit the following to Felicia@aejmc.org at AEJMC headquarters by January 15, 2026:

- (1) a nomination letter that includes the work's title, author(s) or editor(s), copyright/publication date, publisher and an explanation of the work's contributions;
- (2) the nomination letter must include the author's mailing address, telephone number and email address. The author or team of authors must send this information to the nominator if someone else is nominating;
- (3) the nomination letter must include a statement that reads, "As the author/editor of this work nominated for the AEJMC-Knudson Latin America Prize, I guarantee that if I am the award winner, I will attend the award panel presentation at the 2026 AEJMC Conference as a registered conference

participant.” The author or team of authors must send this statement to the nominator if someone else is nominating;

- (4) a one-page narrative putting the work in social, political and cultural context;
- (5) a digital copy of the book for consideration (PDF format preferred). Please note, the digital copy will be shared exclusively with a small number of reviewers and for the sole purpose of the award review process. It is the responsibility of the author to coordinate with their publisher to obtain and submit this digital copy. If password protection or restricted access is necessary due to the publisher’s policies, please ensure that the file can be accessed by multiple reviewers using a single password. If access to the digital copy is limited to one person per file, then six separate digital copies must be submitted.

Only complete nomination packets will be considered. Queries about the award should be emailed to research@aejmc.org.