

Atlantic Islands & Latin America

Candidate: Santiago Padua



Nomination Packet, PCR, Atlantic Islands & Latin America

Statement of Qualifications and Intention

Dear Members of the Nominating Committee and Society Leaders of the Atlantic Islands & Latin America Region,

I am pleased to submit my candidacy for President Council Representative (PCR) for the Atlantic Islands and Latin America Region.

I was born and raised in Argentina, and throughout my professional career I have been fortunate to travel extensively across Latin America as part of my work. These experiences have allowed me to engage with professionals, institutions, and markets across the region, giving me a deep appreciation for the diversity, opportunities, and challenges that characterize our societies. In addition, I have held roles with regional and, more recently, global responsibilities, which has enabled me to work closely with stakeholders across multiple countries and to understand how local perspectives fit within broader, global frameworks.

I have been involved with CFA Society Argentina for several years, beginning as a volunteer supporting initiatives such as statistics, JobLine, and the CFA Institute Research Challenge. I later served as Vice President and subsequently as President of the Society, working closely with fellow board members, volunteers, and CFA Institute to strengthen governance, member engagement, and alignment with the Institute's mission. Following my term as President, I remained actively involved on the Board, serving as Chair of Social Networks and currently as Treasurer. This progression has given me a comprehensive understanding of society operations, leadership development, and succession, as well as the critical role societies play as the local voice of the profession.



At the regional level, I am an active participant in AILACC, where I have contributed to regional coordination, collaboration among societies, and the exchange of best practices. I believe the Presidents Council plays a key role in ensuring strong two-way communication between CFA Institute and local societies and in bringing forward regional perspectives that inform Institute initiatives, policies, and strategic priorities.

In addition, I have been a committed volunteer with CFA Institute through initiatives such as the CFA Institute Research Challenge, Compliance Connection, and as a Grader for the CFA Program exams. These experiences have allowed me to engage with candidates, members, and volunteers across different stages of their professional journey, reinforcing my commitment to ethics, education, and professional excellence.

As President Council Representative, my intention is to actively represent societies in the Atlantic Islands and Latin America Region by listening to society leaders, clearly articulating regional needs and opportunities, and contributing constructively to Presidents Council discussions. I am committed to fostering collaboration across societies, supporting strong governance and volunteer engagement, and ensuring that regional voices meaningfully inform CFA Institute decision-making.

Santiago Padua, CFA

[Vision for PCR Term](#)

My vision as President Council Representative (PCR) for the Atlantic Islands and Latin America Region is to build on the strong foundation established by previous PCRs and to continue strengthening practical and effective support for societies through representation, collaboration, and execution. In particular, I aim to continue the good work carried out by past PCRs, including Barbara Mainzer, whose leadership enhanced regional coordination and dialogue with CFA Institute.

At the core of the PCR role is serving as a reliable conduit between societies, the Presidents Council, and CFA Institute leadership. If elected, I will prioritize structured and regular engagement with society leaders across the region to gather feedback, identify common challenges, and present concise, actionable regional perspectives at the Presidents Council. Beyond continuity, I believe we should also aim high as a region. The Atlantic Islands and Latin America have strong leadership, committed volunteers, and an established Atlantic Islands and Latin America Advocacy Council (AILAAC), which can serve as a powerful platform for deeper collaboration. I will actively promote closer coordination between the PCR role, the Advocacy Council, and society leadership to amplify regional initiatives, share best practices and strengthen our collective voice.

As part of this effort, I will support the organization of a regional meeting that brings together society leaders and key volunteers to foster alignment, exchange experiences, and reinforce collaboration across societies of different sizes and levels of maturity. At the Presidents Council level, I will represent the region with a pragmatic and constructive approach—supporting alignment between global initiatives and local realities,



reinforcing transparent two-way communication, and proactively exploring funding alternatives and resource-sharing opportunities to help societies advance initiatives that enhance member value, volunteer engagement, and regional collaboration.

My goal is continuity with ambition: effective representation today, and a stronger, more integrated region for the future.

Letter of Reference

To Whom It May Concern,

It is my pleasure to write this letter in support of Santiago Padua, CFA, as he presents his candidacy for the position of Presidents Council Representative of the Atlantic Islands and Latin American Countries (AILAAC) region.

I have had the privilege of working alongside Santiago for many years, and can attest to his professional excellence, his personal qualities and his commitment to serving CFA Institute and the AILAAC region.

Santiago has had a consistent and long standing track record as volunteer. He began his volunteer involvement with CFA Society Argentina in 2012. Over the years, he has contributed across multiple areas, including Statistics, Jobline, Candidate Services, and the Research Challenge.

From the very beginning, his dedication, reliability, and willingness to take responsibility distinguished him as a trusted and capable volunteer.

After joining the Board, Santiago assumed key leadership roles, serving as Vice President for three years and as President for four years. During his presidency, he demonstrated strong governance, thoughtful decision-making, and an inclusive leadership style that strengthened the Society's institutional foundations and member engagement.

Even after completing his term as President, Santiago has remained actively involved on the Board, continuing to collaborate on social media strategy and preparation courses. More recently, Santiago has taken on the role of Treasurer, providing responsible financial stewardship and ensuring continuity and stability within the Society's leadership.

In addition to his sustained engagement with CFA Society Argentina, Santiago has demonstrated commitment to CFA Institute at the global level. He has served as a grader for the Research Challenge for approximately seven years and, on one occasion, as a judge at the regional level.

He has also volunteered in the Compliance Connection initiative and served as a Level III exam grader. Currently, he serves as Vice-Chair of AILAAC, contributing his experience and regional perspective to the broader global community.



On a personal level, Santiago is deeply respected for his warmth, professionalism, and collaborative spirit. His more than decade-long volunteer engagement speaks to his integrity, loyalty, and long-term vision.

I am confident that he will bring the same level of dedication, integrity, and thoughtful leadership to the PCR role.

Please feel free to contact me should you require any further information.

Sincerely,
Barbara Mainzer, CFA
PCR, Atlantic Islands & Latin America

Nominator

Nomination submitted by Simon Cawdery, CFA

Video

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/v955c0qhlrsjv3x2g2g72/PCR-Election-Santiago-Padua-Video.mp4?rlkey=tlugkq80v88kq1nhz3v3jrryj&st=3qvfekmy&dl=0>