



# Latin American Master's and Doctoral Thesis Competition – CLEI 2026

Within the framework of the **52nd Latin American Conference on Informatics (CLEI 2026)**, authors of Master's and Doctoral theses in Computer Science and Informatics are invited to submit their work to the following competitions, as appropriate:

- Latin American Master's Thesis Competition (CLTM)
- Latin American Doctoral Thesis Competition (CLTD)

The **three best theses** will be awarded, based on the evaluation of the Program Committee and the Chairs of the CLTM or CLTD competitions, as appropriate.

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## Important Dates

- **Submission deadline:** April 30, 2026
- **Notification of acceptance:** June 11, 2026
- **On-site presentations:** During CLEI 2026, September 7–11, in Mexico City

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## Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must have defended and successfully completed their Master's or Doctoral Thesis in Computer Science or Informatics between **April 1, 2025, and March 31, 2026** (strict period).

The Master's or Doctoral program must be offered by a Latin American or Caribbean University that is a CLEI member.

Submissions must be **individual works** (no group theses).

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## Evaluation Criteria

Submissions will be evaluated by an Evaluation Committee according to:

- The quality and relevance of the research
- The appropriateness of the chosen methodology
- The originality of the contributions
- Publications in international conferences and high-ranking journals demonstrating impact in the field
- Patents demonstrating innovation relevance

The committee will select **three finalist theses** for awards.

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## Required Submission Materials (PDF format)

Each application must include the following documents:

- 1. Extended Abstract**
  - In Spanish, Portuguese, or English
  - Maximum length of 20 pages, including figures and references
  - Must follow the CLEI Journal submission format
  - The thesis work must be individual; co-authored abstracts will not be considered
- 2. Complete List of Publications / Patents / Awards**
  - Full list of authors in the order in which they appear in the publication
  - For journal and conference publications, indicate the venue ranking using the most recent ICORE and SJR indices
- 3. Official Certification (Digital Copy)**
  - Issued by the degree-granting institution
  - Confirming that the applicant fulfilled all requirements to obtain the degree within the stipulated period
- 4. Cover Letter from the Applicant**

Including:

  - Thesis title
  - Name(s) and email address(es) of the thesis advisor and co-advisor (if applicable)
  - Degree obtained
  - Granting university
  - Explicit statement indicating submission to the CLTM or CLTD 2026 Competition, as appropriate
- 5. Endorsement Letter from the University Representative**
  - Confirming that the institution is a CLEI member
  - Confirming that membership fees are up to date
  - Confirming that the thesis was defended and approved between April 1, 2025, and March 31, 2026

All documents must be submitted through the [EasyChair platform](#).

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## Publication Opportunity

A selection of submitted works, including the three award-winning theses, will be invited to submit an improved version for publication in a special issue of **CLEI Journal**.

The improved version must:

- Be written in English
  - Differ by at least 30% from previously published material
  - Undergo a new peer-review process conducted by CLEI Journal reviewers
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## Awards

Winners will receive:

- An official CLEI diploma indicating their placement in the Competition
- Public recognition after delivering a **30-minute in-person presentation** during the conference

Failure to deliver the oral presentation will result in forfeiture of the award and the publication invitation.

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## Financial Support for Finalists

Finalists of the CLTM and CLTD Competitions will receive financial support of up to **USD 900** to cover travel expenses (airfare and accommodation).

- Reimbursement will cover actual expenses up to the stated maximum
  - Payment will be made in cash during the conference or by bank transfer afterward
  - Finalists must submit the corresponding expense receipts
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## Chairs of the Evaluation Committees

### CLTM 2026:

- Carlos Luna (UDELAR, Uruguay)
- Carla Taramasco (UNAB, Chile)
- Saúl Zapotecas (INAOE, Mexico)

### CLTD 2026:

- Niriaska del Carmen Perozo de Linares (UCN, Chile)
- Francisco Quiles (UCLM, Spain)
- Marcela Quiroz (UV, Mexico)