The Center for Public Leadership offers leadership development programming to its fellows, HKS students and graduate students across Harvard that teaches skills and competencies to practice leadership of self, teams, and organizations. The Latin@ Initiative is grounded in this framework and tailors several of its offerings to empower and build a community of Harvard graduate students interested in Latin@ issues through the following activities:

U.S. LATIN@ LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GROUPS
Offered throughout the year, this series of leadership development workshops equips Latin@ and non-Latin@ students with the skills to exercise public leadership. These workshops also provide students with a platform to exchange ideas and build relationships with graduate students interested in Latin@ issues across Harvard. In addition to exploring foundational leadership topics, students will tackle issues that uniquely impact the Latin@ community. Practical skills related to building and sustaining professional networks and driving action-oriented change through communications and media outreach will be addressed. As part of the U.S. Latin@ portfolio, students are afforded the opportunity to shape their own leadership development workshops.

LATIN@ SPEAKERS AT HKS
Continuing to expand the reach of Latin@ voices at HKS, CPL invites practitioners and leaders from all spheres of public and private life to campus to engage with students through high-profile public events and smaller closed-door sessions. Additionally, CPL co-sponsors the Distinguished Lecture series organized by the HKS Office of Student Diversity and Inclusion.

SUPPORT OF STUDENT-LED PROGRAMS & EVENTS
CPL has limited funding to underwrite student-led programs and events at HKS that align with the Center’s strategic priorities. This includes support for student-led conferences and events on issues that affect the U.S. Latin@ community.

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Latinos are the largest minority group in the U.S. While Hispanics represented 6% of the U.S. population in 1980, they constitute 17% of the population in 2015 and will become 29% of the U.S. population by 2060.¹

An estimated 28.2 million Latinos were eligible to vote in the 2016 Presidential election, representing 13% of all eligible voters.²

There are currently more than 3.3 million Hispanic-owned businesses in the United States. That number continues to grow at a rate 15 times faster than the general population.³

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² Ocampo, Lizet. 2015. Top 6 Facts of the Latino Vote