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## Call for Applications

### IDRA Launches José A. Cárdenas School Finance Fellows Program

IDRA is launching a new fellows program to support research that will inform efforts to secure equitable funding of public schools across the country. Under the leadership of Dr. María “Cuca” Robledo Montecel, IDRA President & CEO, the program was established by IDRA to honor the memory of IDRA founder, Dr. José Angel Cárdenas.



In the program’s initial unveiling, Dr. Robledo Montecel stated:

**“Four decades ago, IDRA was founded by Dr. Cárdenas to defend all children and their right to an excellent and equitable education. It was as clear then as it is today that we cannot afford an excellent system for some and a minimally adequate system for the rest. Fair funding is essential to assuring that all children have access to quality education.**

**“Today, we are announcing the José A. Cárdenas School Finance Fellows Program to support school finance research that builds cross-disciplinary and inter-sector perspectives on equity. The goal of the program is to engage the nation’s most promising researchers in investigating school finance solutions that secure equity and excellence for all public school students.**

**“We are so pleased to honor Dr. Cárdenas in a way that will move forward school funding equity efforts in states across the country as well as informing national efforts that can be undertaken to encourage states to improve equity in state-level school funding systems.”**

Each year, IDRA will select one or more fellows per year who will dedicate themselves to a period of intense study and writing in school finance. We will hold an annual symposium that includes release of the fellows program paper. The paper and findings will be published in the symposium proceedings and disseminated to the education research and policymaker community.

### The 2013-14 Call for Applications is now available online.

The Application Packet includes:

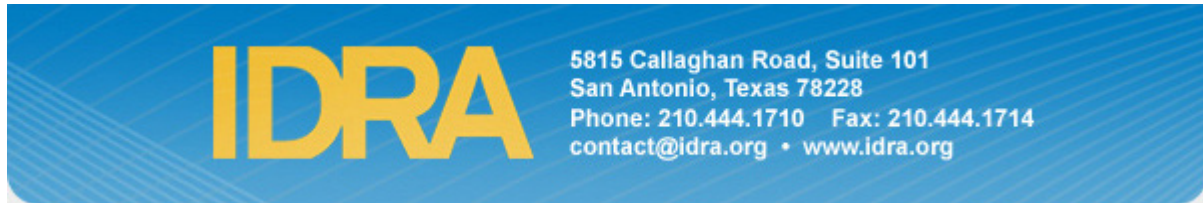
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IDRA works hand-in-hand with hundreds of thousands of educators and families each year in communities and classrooms around the country. All our work rests on an unwavering commitment to creating self-renewing schools that value and promote the success of students of all backgrounds.

We are a small organization with a powerful mission: to create schools that work for *all* children.



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