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Call for Applications for IDRA José A. Cárdenas School Finance Fellows Program

IDRA is inviting research applications for the IDRA José A. Cárdenas School Finance Fellows Program. This will be the second round of this 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.



IDRA will select one or more fellows 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.

Dr. Oscar Jimenez-Castellanos was the 2014 José A. Cárdenas School Finance Fellow for the inaugural year of the program. His information on the first symposium and video of the event [are available online](#).

This second round José A. Cárdenas School Finance Fellow will be selected for a defined period beginning in early 2016. Fellows will receive a stipend of up to \$20,000 to include cost of release time, travel and IDRA one-month residency. IDRA will provide office space during the residency.

To be eligible, applicants must be:

- Doctoral candidate or completed doctoral training by time of selection, or
- Academic candidate reflecting scholarly experience in conducting school finance or related research, or
- Practitioner with an equivalent level of academic/professional achievement.

The Call for Applications is now available online.

The Application Packet includes:

- [Description & Background \(webpage\)](#)
- [Call for Applications \(pdf\)](#)
- [Application Form \(doc\)](#)

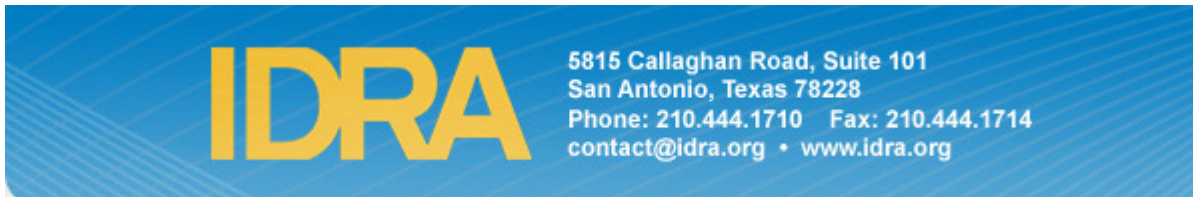
In the program's initial unveiling, Dr. Robledo Montecel stated: "Four decades ago, IDRA was founded by Dr. Cárdenas to defend all children and their right to an excellent and equitable education. It was as clear then as it is today that we cannot afford an excellent system for some and a minimally adequate system for the rest. Fair funding is essential to assuring that all children have access to quality education."

We encourage you to help us spread the word by forwarding this announcement to anyone you think may be interested. Share on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).

The **Intercultural Development Research Association** is an independent private non-profit organization dedicated to realizing the right of every child to a quality education. IDRA strengthens and transforms public education by providing dynamic training; useful research, evaluation, and frameworks for action; timely policy analyses; and innovative materials and programs.

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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