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**Wednesday at 5:30 pm cst**

## **Virtual Office Hours Q&A – Learn about applying for IDRA's Education Policy Fellows Program**

Join a virtual Q&A session where you can hear directly from our previous Education Policy Fellows about their experiences in the program and the work they accomplished within the Texas and Georgia legislatures. Listen and ask questions before applying [here!](#)

[Register Now!](#)

### **Call for Applications Details**

The 2022-23 cohort of **Education Policy Fellows** will receive real-world training on advancing an educational equity agenda during the 2023 legislative sessions in Texas and Georgia (applicants will be asked to select whether they would like to focus on Texas or Georgia). The ideal candidate has a desire to learn about state-level policymaking and apply their skills and background to their work.



Each fellow will receive:

- Training in the state legislative process, including how to employ a variety of advocacy strategies;
- Access to a network of educational equity advocates who have influenced generations of policy and litigation in Texas and Georgia;
- Real-time, real-world training during the Texas and Georgia legislative sessions;
- At least one policy mentor, based on fellows' interests;
- Training in IDRA's family leadership in education framework, which centers families and students in educational policy reform;
- Access to statewide coalitions of advocates;
- Experience building an advocacy campaign to advance an educational equity agenda; and
- \$40,000 stipend plus contribution toward medical insurance.

## Apply Now to Become an IDRA Education Policy Fellow!

The fellowship application process is open now! To apply, email a cover letter, resume, list of two references, and application to [Mikayla Arciaga, M.A.Ed.](#)

To be eligible, fellowship applicants must:

- have demonstrated connections to historically-marginalized communities most impacted by inequities in the public education system;
- have a demonstrated interest in educational equity, through personal and/or professional experiences and have a desire to grow knowledge about state-level policymaking;
- be committed to a full-time fellowship between October 17, 2022, and June 28, 2023;
- live in Austin or Atlanta or be able to quickly travel to the Texas or Georgia capitol buildings during the course of the fellowship; and
- committed to expanding access to excellent pre-K-12 and postsecondary educational opportunities for Texas students, particularly students of color, immigrant students, students from families with limited incomes, and other historically-marginalized groups.

### Application Process

To apply, submit the following to [Mikayla Arciaga, M.A.Ed.](#):

- Completed [application form](#)
- Cover letter
- Curriculum vita or resumé
- Two letters of recommendation

**Application deadline: August 4, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. CST**

The IDRA Education Policy Fellows Program is open to all eligible applicants regardless of race, national origin, religion, gender, age, disability or sexual orientation.

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## Hear from our previous Education Policy Fellows!

See [post-fellowship evaluation report](#)

See [each fellow's profile featuring their fellowship products](#)

Hear what they have to say in our series of Classnotes Podcast episodes.

- [The Future of Education Advocacy and Being Pushy – #217](#)
- [Education Policy Fellows Get Things Done in the Suppression Session – #216](#)
- [An Inside Look at Advocating with Communities of Color – #215](#)
- [Education Advocacy Hinges on Community Collaboration – #214](#)
- [Uniting Community Voices in Georgia Policymaking – #225](#) (coming soon!)



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