Texas education policymaking is missing the important expertise of communities of color.

Apply for your fellowship today!

Eligibility Requirements

- Person of color
- Committed to a full-time fellowship between November 1, 2020, and July 31, 2021
- Live in Austin or be able to quickly travel to Austin from elsewhere in Texas during the Texas legislative session (between January 2021 and June 2021)
- Demonstrated interest in educational equity, through personal and/or professional experiences
- 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.

IDRA seeks to change the landscape of state education advocacy by training advocates of color to influence state laws and lead a powerful network of impacted and engaged communities. Our inaugural cohort of fellows will receive real-world training on advancing an educational equity agenda and will work to protect students of color during the 2021 Texas legislative session.

All fellows will receive:

- Training in the Texas 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;
- Real-time, real-world training during the Texas legislative session;
- 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 healthcare benefit.

https://idra.news/EdPolicyFellowsOfColor

Application Packet

Submit the following to Morgan Craven, J.D., (morgan.craven@idra.org)

- Completed application form
- Cover letter
- Curriculum vita or résumé
- One letter of recommendation plus two other references

Application deadline: September 25, 2020, at noon CST