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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS:

UCEA PROGRAM CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF LEADERSHIP IN URBAN SCHOOLS

An Invitation to Deans, Department Chairs, and
Plenary Session Representatives of UCEA Member Institutions

The primary purpose of a UCEA Program Center is to pursue work in a targeted area of interest over a limited period (typically 3–6 years) through identifying and coalescing the faculty expertise and institutional resources of UCEA-member universities. The program center concept serves to promote collaboration and project development through leadership of faculty at both UCEA universities and other educational institutions and agencies. The UCEA Executive Committee (EC) is committed to supporting and improving the consortium's existing program centers, as well as establishing new centers to focus on important issues and questions. The EC's view of the purposes of the UCEA Program Center for the Study of Leadership in Urban Schools includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Conduct empirical investigations of innovative practices in the preparation of urban school leaders, in particular studies that examine the possible connections between program practices and school and student outcomes.
2. Secure funding through grant activity.
3. Inform UCEA member institutions, non-UCEA institutions, professional organizations, and governmental agencies of the center's work, findings, and recommendations for the innovative practice of preparing school leaders.
4. Contribute to policy discussions of factors needed to produce and encourage innovative and effective leader preparation programs that affect school outcomes and learning for all students.

Program Center Directors are strongly encouraged to engage in high-quality research, to seek external funding to support such research, and to form research groups to exchange ideas relating to lines of inquiry that promise to provide significant insights for both preparation and practice. UCEA member universities are individually, or in collaboration with another UCEA university, invited to submit proposals to host this program center.

A copy of the UCEA Program Center Policy and Procedures document, which details program center purposes and activities, the application process, mini-grant policies and procedures, and guidelines for the formative and summative reviews of established program centers, may be found at the UCEA website: www.ucea.org. This document will be helpful in deciding whether to respond to this RFP and in developing the proposal to host the new program center. Questions about the hosting role or the proposal process?

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The deadline for responding to this Request for Proposals is **April 1, 2020**. The Program Center Advisory Board and the EC will review and act on proposals around May 1, 2020. A mini-grant in the amount of \$1,500 for Fiscal Year 2020 will be awarded to the institution(s) selected to host the UCEA Program Center for the Study of Leadership in Urban Schools, with continued financial support possible through competitive application for UCEA program center mini-grant funds in subsequent fiscal years.