

International Education Funders Group (IEFG)

Voluntary Membership Contributions

January, 2014

Since the IEFG's formation in 2011, the IEFG has been funded through the generous donation of 6-8 members. Given expansion of activities in 2013/14 and also the will to involve more members, we invite you to consider a voluntary contribution to the group (whether in funds or energy).

IEFG membership contributions will be voluntary, apply to member institutions and individual philanthropists, and based on giving capacity. While we strongly encourage the contributions, the full benefits of IEFG membership remain open to all grantmakers, regardless of contribution.

Benefits of IEFG Membership

Members tell us that the IEFG allows them to:

- Meet and network in a friendly funder-only space
- Extend domestic and international networks
- Explore collaborations with other members
- Share ideas, practices, innovations, and lessons learned
- Deepen understanding of education in the Global South issues
- Keep up with global education policy and learn ways to get involved
- Learn of information, data and research helpful to your work; and
- Join existing thematic subgroups¹ or launch new ones

Current activities:

- Two electronic "Updates" a month, covering relevant philanthropic and education research, global policy, opportunities for collaboration with members or sister groups, and job prospects. Members regularly send items to the coordinator to share.
- Two 2-day member meetings a year, to alternate between the US and Europe, plus an additional event at a relevant conference (e.g. CIES, UKFIET).

New activities for 2013/14:

- Website with a members-only section.
- Members-only funders-platform; geographic/ thematic searches
- Expansion of membership to funders located in the Global South
- An electronic learning event on a subgroup topic (e.g. webinar)
- Given sufficient interest, a pre-meeting learning/networking event for new members in 2014.
- Increased engagement of subgroups, including appointment of a member representative for each subgroup and increasing the flow of information on subgroup issues. Working with other thematic groups (e.g. in CUE Donor Network, INEE) to ensure information flows and reduce duplication.
- Annual report, mirroring fiscal year of July 1 – June 30.
- Formalization of a 2-4 year Strategic Plan in the Spring of 2014.

¹ Thematic subgroups include: 1) Evidence, Evaluation and Learning Outcomes Measurement; 2) Education and Resilience; 3) Influencing the Global Development and Education Agendas; 4) Post- Primary and Girls' Education; 5) Early Childhood Development; 6) Quality Primary Education; 7) New, Small and Family Foundations.

International Education Funders Group (IEFG) 2013/14 Contributions Form

We invite your foundation's voluntary contribution to help sustain the work of IEFG:

- We suggest contribution levels based on a foundation's self-evaluated size.
- While we strongly encourage contributions, particularly from active IEFG members, the full benefits of IEFG membership remain open to all grantmakers, regardless of contribution.
- Note that membership contributions apply to institutions, not to individuals. Accordingly, this form should be completed by only one representative from each institution.
- Contributions can be paid as a grant or as a fee (i.e., as administrative costs). We prefer general operating support, but can accommodate specific requests. We ask that contributions below \$5000 be for general operating support.
- We plan to put forward a template proposal in the near future to help facilitate grants.
- Contribution payments should be made out to Firelight Foundation, a US-based 501(c)(3) public charity. Firelight serves as both IEFG's Treasurer and fiscal sponsor. Contributions will be used solely to support the work of IEFG.

Foundation: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____

2013/14 Contributions (July 1st-June 31st)

Member Category	Suggested amount
IEFG Core Supporter	\$25,000 - \$100,000/year
Large Foundations	\$10,000 <i>or more</i>
Medium Foundations	\$5,000 <i>or more</i>
Small Foundations	\$1,000 <i>or more</i>

Contribution Amount: _____ for Year(s), starting July 1: _____

Type of contribution: Grant Fee (i.e. admin. cost)

Cheques should be made payable to: Firelight Foundation
with the *International Education Funders Group* in the *memo line*.

Please mail this completed form with your check to our Treasurer/Fiscal Sponsor:
Firelight Foundation

Attn: International Education Funders Group
740 Front Street, Suite 380, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

For information on **wire transfers** or if you have any questions, please email info@iefg.org