



Parkes Philanthropy Consultant Bio



Name

Ria
Mehta

Sectors

Education, public

Role

Consultant

Specialties

Grant writing, fundraising,
strategy

Education

M.A. in Educational Policy from Columbia University, B.A. in Communication Studies and Comparative Literature from the University of Georgia

Professional Experience

Ria is the Director of Strategic Partnerships at the New York City Department of Education, where she leads 13 district-level partnerships in aligning and implementing talent retention efforts. She directly manages a team that leads talent analysis citywide, and also oversees the implementation, program processes and improvement, and evaluation of a five-year \$50 million federal grant for 373 schools in the Bronx. Ria also serves as director for a \$34 million federal Teacher and School Leadership Grant.

Achievements

Ria created the framework and implementation of the Emerging Teacher Leadership Program, which scaled teacher leader teams from 20% to 60% in Bronx schools.

Affiliations

Ria is a member of the School Superintendents Association (AASA) and the American Educational Research Association (AERA).

Awards and Recognitions

Ria has been named an Education Pioneers' Emerging Human Capital Fellow to solve the toughest human capital challenges for school systems.

Passion for Social Impact

Ria is most passionate about supporting public agencies and mission-driven organizations that improve schools to sustainably and directly impact teacher motivation and agency.

Personal Interests

Running, painting, cooking, hiking