Doctor of Philosophy
K-16 Educational Leadership and Policy Studies
Fall 2013

The K-16 Educational Leadership and Policy Studies doctoral program brings together education scholars who come from a variety of experiences and expertise, and challenges the conventional wisdom that K-12 and post-secondary education are too different to be understood by the same practice, policy, or research. The program promotes and requires rigorous scholarship that spans the educational continuum and is ideal for students seeking to enter careers in research, institutional assessment, policy analysis, educational leadership, or the professoriate. Students of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies (ELPS) programs should anticipate the academic rigor that the university and department embrace as its mission to obtain status as a “Tier 1, National Research University.”

Candidates who are interested in joining this program can now submit admissions materials for the Fall 2013 cohort doctoral program. To do so, they should seek and receive admission into Graduate School and the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies. To indicate interest, candidates should indicate an enrollment date of Fall 2013.

In addition to course work, students will be required to enroll in an academic travel experience, attend a national research conference with UTA faculty, pass comprehensive examinations, and successfully complete dissertations.

For more information about the Ph.D. program in K-16 Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, candidates can send an email to K16phd@uta.edu.
Doctor of Philosophy in K-16 Leadership and Policy Studies
66 semester credit hour minimum

Research Methods Core (15 semester credit hours)
- EDAD 6304 K-16 Quantitative Research Design & Methodology
- EDAD 6308 K-16 Qualitative Research Design & Methodology
- EDAD 6310 Statistical Methods
- EDAD 6315 Advanced Statistical Methods
- EDAD 6318 Advanced Qualitative Research

Foundations Core (3 semester credit hours)
- EDAD 6320 K-16 Philosophy & History Policy Research

Policy Research Core (9 semester credit hours)
- EDAD 6325 K-16 Policy Analysis Research
- EDAD 6330 K-16 Legal Policy Research
- EDAD 6335 K-16 Accountability Policy Research

Leadership Research Core (9 semester credit hours)
- EDAD 6340 K-16 Organizational Theory Research
- EDAD 6360 K-16 Leadership Theory Research
- EDAD 6365 K-16 Leading Learning Organizations Research

Research Practicum (6 semester credit hours)
- EDAD 6380 K-16 Research Practicum I
- EDAD 6385 K-16 Research Practicum II

Dissertation (9 semester credit hours minimum)

Elective Courses (15 semester credit hours)

Exploration Area (6 semester credit hours) - Six semester credit hours of doctoral-level coursework in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies approved by the student’s major professor. (Typically, the department will offer, on a rotating basis, two courses [three semester credit hours each] during each fall and spring semester that may be used to satisfy this requirement.)
- EDAD 6390 Selected Topics in K-16 Educational Leadership Research
- EDAD 6392 Selected Topics in K-16 Educational Policy Research

Electives (9 semester credit hours) - Nine semester credit hours of graduate-level coursework approved by the student’s major professor.
Ph.D. Program Application Procedures  
Cohort Beginning Fall 2013

1. **Complete the online application to The University of Texas at Arlington Graduate School.** The application is available at http://grad.uta.edu. The deadline for completing the application and paying the requisite application fee is **April 1, 2013**.

2. **Request official transcripts** from every four-year college or university you attended as an undergraduate as well as all transcripts from every college or university at which you have earned graduate-level credits. Your transcript record must show that you have earned bachelor's and master's degrees. Have transcripts sent directly from the institutions to **UTA Graduate School Admissions, 333 Davis, Box 19167, Arlington, Texas, 76019**.

3. **Request** that the Educational Testing Service provide an **official record** of your achievement on the **Graduate Record Exam** to the UTA Graduate School. Visit http://www.ets.org for more information. UT-Arlington’s code is **6013**. The official record of your score must be received by UTA no later than **April 1, 2013**.

4. **Submit the program application packet.** All of the following items (a-d) should be submitted in a single application packet postmarked no later than **April 1, 2013**.
   a. a brief **letter of application** (one page maximum);
   b. a detailed **resume or curriculum vita** (no longer than four pages);
   c. a **statement of interest** for pursuing this particular doctoral degree and a discussion of how your previous experiences and your future aspirations fit the goals of the program (in 600 words or fewer);
   d. sealed envelopes containing the **reference forms** (available from http://grad.uta.edu/pdfs/prospective/Request_Recommendation.pdf) completed by at least two professional references. Envelopes should be signed by the recommender across the seal.

The complete program application packet should be sent to

**Ph.D. Program Director**

**UT-Arlington Educational Leadership & Policy**

**Box 19575, Arlington, Texas, 76019-0575**

**Email correspondence should be sent to** K16phd@uta.edu

5. **Additional Information.** Admission decisions are based upon full-file reviews of all application materials by a committee of the Educational Leadership and Policy Studies graduate faculty. The highest values considered by the committee include a record of academic excellence, evidence of potential for success as an educational researcher and leader, strong GPA and GRE scores and letters of recommendation, strong, clear writing, and a demonstrated understanding of the program’s mission. The application process is selective and competitive.

If any required documents are not received by the deadline, the application may not be considered. If an applicant is not selected for this cohort, the applicant is encouraged to apply again in future years.