Doctor of Philosophy
Educational Leadership
Fall 2017

The Educational Leadership 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 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 2017 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 2017.

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 Educational Leadership, candidates can send an email to KI6phd@uta.edu.
Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Leadership
66 semester credit hour minimum

Research Methods Core (15 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

Core Content Courses (15 hours)
- EDAD 6320 K-16 Philosophy & History Policy Research
- EDAD 6327 Law and Policy Research
- EDAD 6342 Organizational and Leadership Theory
- EDAD 6343 Social and Cultural Contexts of Education
- EDAD 6301 – Introduction to K-16 Doctoral Studies

Elective Courses (18 hours)
- EDAD 6390 Selected Topics in K-16 Educational Leadership Research
- EDAD 6392 Selected Topics in K-16 Educational Policy Research
- EDAD 6391 Independent Study

All elective courses should be doctoral level and approved by the student’s major professor.

Dissertation (18 semester credit hours minimum)
Ph.D. Program Application Procedures
Cohort Beginning Fall 2017

1. **Complete the online application** to The University of Texas at Arlington Graduate School. The application is available at [www.ApplyTexas.org](http://www.ApplyTexas.org). The deadlines for completing the application and paying the requisite application fee is March 15, 2017, for early admission and June 15, 2017, for final admission. (Please note that dates differ for international students; see [http://www.uta.edu/admissions/graduate/apply/deadlines.php](http://www.uta.edu/admissions/graduate/apply/deadlines.php))

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](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 March 15, 2017, for early admission and June 15, 2017, for final admission.

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 March 15, 2017, for early admission and June 15, 2017, for final admission.
   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](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 Ph.D. Program Director*  
   Ph.D. Program Director  
   UT-Arlington Educational Leadership & Policy  
   Box 19575, Arlington, Texas, 76019-0575  
   *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.