A doctorate is the highest level of study a student may embark upon in his or her academic career, yet it is only the beginning of a lifelong journey into inquiry. The HKU programme facilitates the transition individuals make from being consumers of research to producers of knowledge.

The programme’s success in achieving this can be defined along three lines: theory, practice and support. The courses offered and the academic staff who deliver them are of world-class quality, as attested by the various international higher education rankings, and provide students with a strong knowledge base that will help them develop the conceptual framework of their thesis. Most importantly though, the programme equips its doctoral students with the methodological skills and tools necessary for carrying out first-class research that will make significant contributions to education. Lastly, all of this process is scaffolded by the continual support provided by a personal tutor, an extraordinary library, the academic office and a range of other services. EdD students also have the opportunity to meet regularly with fellow course mates and academic staff to exchange ideas, present their research and discuss challenges.

To conclude, the EdD programme allows students not only to keep up-to-date on the latest issues in education but also to become leaders and influencers themselves. The programme is well geared towards professionals who work full-time and undoubtedly can open up doors in their future career development whether in education, academia or elsewhere. Personal, professional and intellectual growth are all outcomes that will be yours on the EdD programme.
Our PROGRAMME is academically strong and of high quality. It consists of well-structured and integrated coursework and research components.

Our STUDENTS are taught by highly qualified and dedicated academic staff and are provided with close supervision.

Our GRADUATES produce theses which are practically relevant and have contents of publishable quality.

The Doctor of Education Programme is designed for experienced professionals who are leaders or aspirer to be leaders in education-related institutions and services. It aims to develop participants’ capacity for inquiry and evidence-led decision-making and their ability to translate methodology support. The Faculty’s Office of Research coordinates the administration of all the study period to inform candidates’ studies. There is also a coherent programme of research and workshops given by in-house specialists and international scholars will be run throughout the period.

Expected Completion Time for the Programme

4 to 6 years (Part-time); 3 to 5 years (Full-time)

Programme Structure

The Doctor of Education Programme (EdD) is a professional doctorate consisting of structured and integrated coursework and research components that can be used to support high levels of understanding and investigation of issues relevant to the practice of education. It offers the same principal areas of study as for the Doctor of Philosophy programme, with a more professional focus, addressing educational issues within workplace contexts. The programme offers a wide variety of courses to equip candidates with research skills and knowledge in their area of study. EdD candidates will be given a high degree of flexibility to select the courses that are most appropriate for their research studies.

Areas of Study

EdD offers principal areas of study deriving from the Faculty’s Academic Division groupings and its Laboratory of Neuroscience for Education (NfE Lab):

- Chinese Language and Literature
- English Language Education
- Information and Technology Studies
- Learning, Development and Diversity
- Policy, Administration and Social Sciences Education
- Mathematics and Science Education
- Speech and Hearing Sciences
- Neuroscience for Education

Details of research areas are available at http://web.edu.hku.hk/programme/edd/areas_of_study.

Admissions Requirements

Candidates should (1) hold a Bachelor’s degree (with or without Honours) in the relevant field/field(s); and (2) have at least four years of professional experience in an educational institution or services in the education sector or other relevant sectors as judged appropriate by the Faculty. Applicants who do not meet the above requirements will be considered on their own merits.

Programme Structure

Candidates will be required to pass the following courses:

- Core Courses
  - Research Ethics for Graduate Students
  - Research Methods I
  - Research Methods II
  - Thesis Writing Workshop
  - Issues in Education

- Graduate School Course
  - Research Ethics for Graduate Students

- Three to Four Elective Courses (with a total of at least 72 hours)

By the end of the probationary period, which will normally be 24 months for part-time candidates and 18 months for full-time candidates, candidates must have:

- completed the 4 core courses;
- completed the course on research ethics offered by the Graduate School;
- completed the first three chapters of the doctoral thesis (i.e. Introduction, Literature Review, and Research Methods) to the satisfaction of the Supervisory Panel; and
- presented a confirmation seminar.

Candidates are required to write a thesis of 50,000 to 60,000 words and are expected to attend seminars and present research reports regularly after confirmation of candidature.

Important Note to Applicants

Before submitting an application, applicants are strongly encouraged to seek a potential supervisor’s advice about preparing the Statement of Proposed Area of Professional Inquiry.

Important Note to Non-local Students

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Information Session

Date: November 29, 2018 (Thursday)
Time: 6:00 pm
Venue: Rooms 408 – 410, 4/F, Meng Wah Complex, HKU
Registration: http://web.edu.hku.hk/infosessions

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Applicants are required to submit the application form via the Online Application System and to e-mail all supporting documents as PDF files to hkuedd@hku.hk by 12:00 noon, February 12, 2019 (Tuesday).

Note: Successful applicants normally commence their studies in September. Subject to availability of student places, the Faculty may admit new students in January. Since most student places will be filled by the September intake, applicants are strongly encouraged to apply for admission in September.

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