

**THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
FACULTY OF EDUCATION**

Doctor of Education (EdD)

Applications are invited for admission in September 2024 to the Doctor of Education Programme (part-time and full-time).

To be eligible for admission to the programme leading to the degree of Doctor of Education, candidates shall

- (a) comply with the [General Regulations](#) of the University;
- (b) hold
 - (i) a Bachelor's degree with second class honours and a taught Master's degree or other qualifications of equivalent standard from this University or from another University or comparable institution accepted for this purpose; or
 - (ii) a Bachelor's degree with first class honours from this University or another qualification of equivalent standard from this University or from another University or comparable institution accepted for this purpose;
- (c) demonstrate a record of at least 4 years of professional experience in an educational institution or services in the education sector or other relevant sectors as judged appropriate by the Faculty; and
- (d) satisfy the examiners in a qualifying examination, if required.

Applicants who do not meet the above requirements will be considered on their own merits.

The EdD is a professional doctoral degree intended for experienced professionals who are leaders, or aspire 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 research findings into usable knowledge. It is also designed to enhance the capacity of educational practitioners to model and transmit best professional practices to others. The EdD programme is distinctive with its strong research focus and coursework component tailored to the needs and interests of participants and their work places. The Faculty places strong emphasis on multidisciplinary research with principal research areas[#] derived from its Academic Units:

Teacher Education and Learning Leadership
Social Contexts and Policies of Education
Human Communication, Development, and Information Sciences

[#]*Details of research areas are available at https://web.edu.hku.hk/programme/edd/areas_of_study.*

The EdD programme offers the same principal areas of study as for the PhD programme but with a more professional focus addressing education issues within workplace contexts.

The EdD programme is offered in both part-time and full-time modes. Students shall begin their studies in September 2024. The period of study shall normally be as follows:

Mode of study	Minimum period	Maximum period
Part-time	48 months	72 months
Full-time	36 months	60 months

In addition to the duly completed application form, applicants are required to submit a Statement of Proposed Area of Professional Inquiry (length: between 2,500 and 4,000 words, excluding references). Each applicant has to include a declaration in his/her Statement of Proposed Area of Professional Inquiry to confirm whether (i) the proposal is all his/her original work; names of persons who have provided contribution and the nature and extent of their contribution should be specified if otherwise; and (ii) whether the proposal, in whole or in part, has not been published and/or submitted to any institution; the extent and the details of the publication and/or submission to the institution(s) should be specified if otherwise. Please refer to the suggested framework provided in the proforma which is downloadable from "Supporting Documents".

Before submitting an application, applicants are strongly encouraged to contact a potential supervisor and seek his/her advice on preparing the Statement of Proposed Area of Professional Inquiry. A list of academic staff members and their research interests are available at <https://web.edu.hku.hk/faculty-academics>. Each applicant should also provide two academic references written by referees who can comment on the applicant's academic ability and his/her suitability for undertaking the EdD studies.

Application forms should be submitted in electronic format via the on-line application system at <https://www.hku.hk/tpg/programme/doctor-education> and all supporting documents¹ as PDF files should be emailed to the Office of Research (hkuedd@hku.hk) by **12:00 noon, February 28, 2024 (Wednesday)**.

Application results will normally be announced in mid-April by email and/or by post. For enquiries, please contact the Office of Research, Faculty of Education (tel: 3917 4852, email: hkuedd@hku.hk) or visit our website at <https://web.edu.hku.hk/programme/edd/>.

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¹ Successful applicants will have to submit original or certified true copies of the transcripts/certificates/score reports to the Office of Research before admission to the programme.