



## **Doctor of Philosophy Educational Leadership Fall 2021**

The Educational Leadership and Policy Studies (ELPS) doctoral program brings together education scholars who come from a variety of experiences and expertise. This K-16 doctoral program challenges the conventional wisdom that K-12 and postsecondary education are too different to be studied by similar approaches of 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.” In addition to successfully completing the course work and their dissertations, students are encouraged to participate in ELPS Research Day, be active with ELPS Center for Educational Research, Policy and Practice (CERPP), and attend a national conference.

Candidates who are interested in joining this program can now submit admission materials for the fall 2021 cohort doctoral program. To do so, they should seek and receive admission into Graduate School *and* the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies. The early admission deadline for fall 2021 program enrollment is March 1, 2021 and the final deadline is May 1, 2021.

For more information about the Ph.D. program in Educational Leadership, candidates can send an email to [elpsadvising@uta.edu](mailto:elpsadvising@uta.edu)



## Ph.D. Program Application Procedures Cohort Beginning Fall 2021

Admission decisions are based upon holistic reviews of all application materials by an Educational Leadership and Policy Studies graduate faculty committee. The committee values 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.

A Complete Application packet contains a completed UTA Graduate school application, paid application fee, transcripts, GRE scores, resume/Curriculum vita, statement of interest, and three references.

**Only complete application packets will be eligible for review for admissions.  
The early admissions deadline is March 1, 2021 and the final deadline is May 1, 2021.**

Application materials should be sent to [elpsadvising@uta.edu](mailto:elpsadvising@uta.edu) unless directed otherwise.

### Applicants should:

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).
2. **Pay the requisite application fee** by the early admission deadline of March 1, 2021 or the final deadline of May 1, 2021.
3. **Request official transcripts** from every four-year college or university you attended as an undergraduate and graduate student. 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.*
4. **Submit** a detailed **resume or curriculum vita** (no longer than four pages) highlighting your professional and leadership experience).
5. **Submit a statement of interest** that covers why you are interested in pursuing an ELPS K-16 doctoral degree, what you plan to research (if you know), what ELPS faculty member you would like to work with and why (if you know), and how your previous experiences and your future aspirations fit the goals of the program (in 600 words or less).
6. Have your **three recommenders** submit their **reference forms** (available from [http://grad.pci.uta.edu/resources/pdf/Request\\_Recommendation.pdf](http://grad.pci.uta.edu/resources/pdf/Request_Recommendation.pdf) to be included in your admissions file.

**All application materials should be sent to:  
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**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 6301 Introduction to K-16 Doctoral Studies  
EDAD 6325 K-16 Policy Analysis Research  
EDAD 6330 K-16 Legal Policy Research  
EDAD 6342 Organizational and Leadership Theory  
EDAD 6343 History, Social, and Cultural Contexts of Education

**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)**