Thinking about a Doctorate?

The School of Education offers you the opportunity to pursue high level study, with excellent supervision from our highly qualified academic staff, which will enable you to further your career in Education or a related field.

The School of Education offers qualified candidates the opportunity to undertake the degree of:

- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
- Doctor of Education (EdD)

These two doctoral programs are different in focus and in the learning opportunities they provide for students.

WHICH DOCTORATE IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

The PhD and EdD differ in terms of application criteria, the availability of credit, the amount of coursework, and the length of the research undertaken. They also differ in value according to your career needs. These differences are explained in this brochure.

IS FLINDERS SCHOOL OF EDUCATION RIGHT FOR YOU?

The School of Education hosts the Centre for Educational Futures, which represents an area in which Flinders University has considerable research strength and is the only centre in South Australia to focus on multidisciplinary research relating to the educational future of Australia.

A critical factor in a successful doctoral experience is the right supervisor. One of the key qualities is a supervisor who is qualified and knowledgeable in your area of research. If you are interested in conducting research in any of the areas below, the School of Education offers a rewarding learning experience:

- Language education
- Educational leadership and management
- Special education (including Gifted education)
- Education in remote and rural areas
- Physical education
- Social justice
- Safe schools to promote wellbeing
- Learning technologies
- Mathematics and science education
- Visual arts and education
- Early childhood
- Engagement with schools

See Flinders Looking for a research supervisor? brochure for more information on any of these research areas, or go to the website: http://caef.flinders.edu.au/resgroups.html

WHY CHOOSE FLINDERS?

- Flinders fosters strong links between teaching and research, consistently ranking among Australia’s top universities on a per capita basis for research spending, and for the citation of our work in professional journals. As demonstrated by the 2007 Shanghai Jiao-Tong University Academic Ranking of World Universities, Flinders University is:
  - in the top 10 universities in Australia,
  - in the top 64 universities in the Asia-Pacific region, and
  - in the top 400 universities in the world.
- Many of our teaching staff have received awards, not only for contribution to their fields of knowledge, but also for the quality of their teaching.
- Our Student Learning Centre offers support in academic writing, referencing, critical thinking, research skills and other vital elements of study that students need to learn.
- Flinders has long been known as the ‘friendly university’ and is a warm, welcoming and diverse community.

FURTHER INFORMATION

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PhD)
If you require more information, please contact:
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DOCTOR OF EDUCATION (EdD)
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APPLICATION PROCEDURES

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY: Complete an online Expression of Interest form, which is available at: www.flinders.edu.au/rhdinterest.

The University will then contact you regarding your expression of interest.

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION: contact the International Office at Flinders University. Simply click on International Students on our home page: www.flinders.edu.au
The PhD is a research-only degree. Students undertaking a PhD are expected to make an original contribution to a field of knowledge through the rigorous and in-depth investigation of problems or issues in a single area of research. The investigation can involve one or more studies within this area.

Students are guided by a supervisor through the stages of research to produce the only assessable work, a thesis of 80,000 – 100,000 words.

**Entry requirements**
The entry requirements are summarised below:
1. English language proficiency according to Flinders University Requirements.
2. Honours at Level 1 or 2A, a coursework Masters degree with a D or average, or a research Masters degree.
3. Experience in the field of education.
4. Evidence of research capacity.
5. A viable research project.
6. An academic sitting in the School of Education willing to supervise the project.

Note: Potential applicants to the PhD program should check the entry requirements on the School of Education Course Information website before applying.

**Advanced Standing**
This degree is a research-only degree, which means that advanced standing is not applicable.

**Program of study**
The program of study is determined by negotiation between the student and the supervisor. A typical program for a student completing in three years would be similar to the program shown in the following table:

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The research proposal is a document setting out the research plan, the literature review, the justification and significance of the study. The research proposal is presented to an academic panel which determines whether the student may progress to the next stage of study.

**Who are our students?**
Students undertaking a PhD generally have a career path that requires them to undertake large, complex research studies that typically focus sustained attention on a single area. The PhD is valuable for those who will work or currently work as academics in universities, or as researchers in research institutes or government. PhD students see themselves as professional researchers at a high level.

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The Doctor of Education is a combination of both coursework and research. This three year (full-time) program is comprised of two years of coursework and one year of research. The program is orientated to the development of new knowledge through research, and the application of knowledge in professional practice. The program of research typically involves smaller scale studies than those undertaken for a PhD.

**Entry requirements**
The entry requirements are summarised below:
1. Evidence of English language proficiency according to Flinders University Requirements.
2. An approved honours or masters degree or equivalent qualification.
3. At least five years’ relevant work experience in education or a related field, and evidence of commitment and innovation or other evidence of creative and intellectual activity in professional practice in their field at the appropriate level.
4. These requirements are explained in the Application Guidelines for the Doctor of Education. This document is available on the School of Education Course Information website and also on the International Students/Application Guidelines website.

**Advanced Standing**
Up to 36 units of credit may be granted for appropriate topics completed towards one of the masters programs offered by the School of Education, or towards an approved equivalent qualification from another institution.

**Program of study**
This table shows the EdD three year full-time program of study:

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<td>One full year of Masters level coursework topics to prepare students with any content knowledge required. Students may apply for advanced standing part or all of this year.</td>
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# Please note that attendance at the Doctoral Symposium days are mandatory.

**RESEARCH METHODS TOPICS**
- Approaches to Research
- Research Methods 1
- Advanced Qualitative Research Methods
- Multivariate and Multilevel Statistics for Educational Research

**Introduction to Educational Statistics**
- Research Methods 2
- Advanced Educational Assessment

**Who are our students?**
The EdD program is designed to enable people to develop the capabilities to become the face of their profession. This program is thus particularly suited to professionals in, or aspiring to, senior leadership positions and who wish to develop and excel in their professional practice, and act as a spokesperson and mentor for their profession. Academics who are in fields closely associated with the professions, such as education and health, will also find the EdD a valuable and rewarding learning experience.