INTERNATIONAL PHD PROGRAM IN EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION AND INNOVATION

College of Educational Administration, Faculty of Education, Beijing Normal University

WELCOME TO BEIJING NORMAL UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1902, Beijing Normal University (BNU) has a distinguished history of scholarship, research and training in education. The university developed from the Faculty of Education of Capital Metropolitan University, which initiated the first modern teacher training program in China. Since its foundation, BNU has led change and innovation in Chinese education and continues to do so as it moves into the new age of rapid development. BNU is a leader not only in Chinese education but also on the world stage. BNU lays great emphasis on exchange and cooperation with educational institutions nationally and internationally and is building a first-class reputation for scholarship, research and training.

With the vision “Excellent leadership, Innovative education”, College of Educational Administration (CEA) at BNU is the largest and most influential institute for the study of educational administration in China, and has been one of the key national academic disciplines recognized by the Ministry of Education (MOE) since 2007. The college has a strong profile of national and international research and has been ranked as No. 1 in the National Evaluation on Disciplinary Development and Research by MOE. The CEA consists of three concentrations: education policy and law, education economics, educational leadership and governance. Aiming to train high-level education professionals, this international PhD program strives to advance the frontier of human knowledge in the field of educational administration and contributes to reframe educational organizations and facilitate education change worldwide.

INTRODUCTION TO THE PROGRAM

The International PhD Program in Educational Administration and Innovation for International Students is a unique program offered by College of Educational Administration at Beijing Normal University with support from our global partnership universities. This program, with generous financial support from the Chinese Government, is designed to train talented individuals who can contribute to education change and innovation in the fields of educational administration, management, and leadership worldwide, and enhance educational and cultural exchange between China and other countries.

The program at BNU is focused on a series of contemporary issues of educational administration and innovation that are relevant to all countries, especially developing nations, as well as international organization. Based on the rich international

resources of College of Educational Administration at Beijing Normal University, it has a strong team of professors and faculty members, and aims to become a high quality and world-class international program.

We sincerely welcome students from countries across the world to apply for this international program, co-creating multiple and proactive cultural atmosphere, and contributing our modest means to promote development of educational administration and innovation worldwide.

DURATION, PROGRAM CURRICULUM AND REQUIREMENTS

Duration

The PhD Program in Educational Administration and Innovation for International Students is a 3-year program, and students should complete their courses within 3 years. Graduation cannot be postponed or deferred and scholarships cannot be extended or increased. Suspension of study (and of the scholarship) will be offered according to relevant regulations only if a candidate has exceptional circumstances and shall not be longer than 1 year.

Program Curriculum

No.	Curriculum	Type	Credits	Semester
1	**Chinese History and Culture (Education Systems, Policy and Management in China)**	Core (13 credits)	2	I
2	**Chinese Language I**		2	I
3	**Chinese Language II**		2	II
4	Research Method		3	I
5	Academic Writing and Publishing		2	II
6	Forefront Research of Educational Management and Leadership		2	II
7	Human Resource Management in Education	Elective (3 credits)	3	I
8	Educational Policy Analysis		3	I
9	Educational Planning: Theory and Practice		3	II
10	Practicum	Required Tasks (6 credits)	2	II
11	International Experiences		2	II
12	Mid-term Examination		2	III

Program Requirements Credits: Total 22 credits. At least 13 core course credits are required, including 3 general compulsory courses and 3 professional core courses. In addition, at least 3 credits from the elective courses are required. If the relevant elective courses have been studied previously at the master level, students are

expected to take other courses from other programs or departments in order to fulfill the credit requirement.

Mid-Course Examination: 2 credits. PhD degree candidates must first pass the mid-course examination by the end of the third semester, and may then proceed to the PhD dissertation-writing period. Candidates should complete the courses and credits required and submit a dissertation proposal to be examined and approved by their supervisors. An examining group is responsible for the examination of the dissertation proposals. Those who fail to pass the examination will have the opportunity to apply for a second-round examination if they have the support of the examining group and their supervisors. If the proposal fails to pass the second-round examination, the candidate will not be permitted to continue the program.

PhD Dissertation:

The candidate should select a theme for dissertation study under the direction of his/her supervisor. We encourage candidates to pursue topics relevant to their own professional backgrounds and interests. A final version of the PhD dissertation should be submitted for assessment and dissertation defense in March of the sixth semester. The final PhD dissertation should be written in English and the length of the dissertation should be 160-200 pages (Times New Roman 12-point font and 1.5 line spacing). A final dissertation defense is required.

Degree Award: Candidates who complete their studies within the set time period by completing the required learning and research tasks, passing the required examinations and the dissertation (including defense) shall be allowed to graduate. The University's Degree Evaluation Committee will finally decide whether to bestow degrees upon the students.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- A Master's degree (or equivalent qualification) from a recognized university.
- Foreign students are suggested to verify their English proficiency with relative certificates. International English Language Testing System (IELTS Academic): Band 6 with no subtest lower than 5.5; or Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL iBT): An overall score of 100 or over. If the previous degree program was taught entirely in English, please submit a completion certificate of the fully English-taught degree program issued by the university.
- All doctoral applicants are required to submit a research proposal of 10,000 words (exclusive of bibliography/reference list) outlining their proposed research project. (Note: It is very important that the area you want to work in is broadly compatible with our research interests and that you name a potential supervisor on your application)

- Publication experience (academic papers in English, not including open access journals) is highly recommended.
- In good health with a health certificate issued by the local public hospitals; without diseases with which entry to China is disallowed by China's laws and regulations; without severe chronic diseases such as serious high blood pressure, cardiovascular/cerebrovascular diseases and diabetes; without metal diseases or epidemic diseases that are likely to cause a serious threat to public health; not in the process of recovering after a major operation or in the process of acute diseases; not seriously disabled or pregnant.
- Work experience in the educational field is preferable.
- An Interview will be organized if your application is accepted to the next stage in the admissions process. Most interviews will be conducted via video conferencing.

TUITION AND FEES

Tuition: RMB 98,000 for three years (please verify with Office of International Students & Scholars Affairs)

Living expenses in Beijing:

On-campus lodging: RMB 1,800-2,700 per month
Health Insurance: RMB 600 per year

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