

# Professional Doctorate in Education (EdD programme) with the University of Brighton

The Mauritius Institute of Education, in collaboration with the University of Brighton is presently offering a Doctorate in Education (EdD). This innovative EdD programme is intended for experienced, practising education professionals. It supports an individual's development as a researching practitioner with a critical and interrogative approach to the understanding of their educational practice. Students on the programme represent a range of formal and informal educational settings in schools, youth work, further and higher education, and other organisations with a focus on education.

## Aims of the Programme

The aim of the EdD is to deliver a programme of research based professional development to experienced professional practitioners who have educational responsibilities within their employment. To do this, the programme will develop conceptual knowledge and research capacity that will enable students to:

- Develop the capability of challenging, in an innovative, substantive and original manner, the adequacy of the existing body of knowledge.
- Develop the capacity to understand, use and critique a broad range of research techniques and approaches through which educational phenomena can be understood and improved, leading to research that makes an original contribution to knowledge, and which is of publishable standard.
- Develop the capability of defining, undertaking and evaluating research on professional practice and policy.
- Undertake critical reflection and lead the continuing development of new thinking and practices in their professional context to make an original contribution to professional knowledge.
- Contribute through coursework and a thesis, to knowledge and practice within their own profession.

## Programme structure

**Course duration, Part-time:** Minimum of 5 years and a maximum of 7 years

The EdD comprises **two parts**:

### 1. Stage 1 of the EdD

Comprises of four assessed assignments; and has been designed to introduce you progressively to a wide range of issues in the practice of education and to the full scope and content of research approaches currently utilised in their study. There are six major elements contributing to your study in this introductory phase: intensive study blocks, educational issues seminars, research methodology sessions, your written work, your cohort group support and studentcentral.

Stage 1 usually takes two years to complete and Stage 2, the research element, a further three to four years. The assignments and modules in Stage 1, together with a viva voce examination at the end of this Stage, form a Master of Research in Education (MRes).

## **2. Stage 2 of the EdD**

This is the thesis stage and comprises a research plan and a 50,000-60,000 word thesis. In order to transfer to Stage 2 of the EdD, students will normally have achieved the following:

- A mark of pass in all four modules comprising Stage 1 of the EdD;
- A credit weighted mean of at least 60% in modules 3 (KZ702) and 4 (KZ703) of Stage 1 of the EdD.

### **Support in completing the EdD**

Within Stage 1, you will be allocated two Advisors/Supervisors with expertise and academic interest in your chosen area of study; one Advisor/Supervisor will be from the University of Brighton and one will be from MIE.

Your Advisors/Supervisors will support you in completing your four assignments during Stages 1 and in completing your thesis in Stage 2 of the EdD. It is usual for Advisors/Supervisors to offer feedback to students on their work via email as well as through face-to-face (or Skype or other technology) sessions.

### **Entry requirements**

#### **Degree and/or experience:**

A qualification, normally at master's level in a relevant subject or appropriate research experience. An application made by someone with research experience but with no master's level qualification will be considered on its merits and will normally require independent academic references.

Applicants will normally have at least four years of appropriate professional experiences.

Applicants whose predicted grades fall below these requirements, but who can demonstrate a high commitment to the subject discipline or have relevant work experience, are still encouraged to apply and will be considered on an individual basis.

#### **Fees**

£2,860 per year

#### **How to apply?**

- **Your idea**

If you are interested in applying for research study, you need to make sure you read around your subject area of interest so you can write an informed and clear application.

- **Research proposal**

You need to submit a research proposal alongside your application. Within this you should take the opportunity to clearly outline your research idea; your research methodology and critical approaches; experience; and original contribution to knowledge and key themes, concepts and ideas. Download guidance on how to write a research proposal on

[https://www.brighton.ac.uk/\\_pdf/research/edd-guidelines-for-research-proposal.pdf](https://www.brighton.ac.uk/_pdf/research/edd-guidelines-for-research-proposal.pdf)

- **Application**

You may apply online by following the link:

[https://evsivr.brighton.ac.uk/urd/sits.urd/run/siw\\_ipp\\_lgn.login?process=siw\\_ipp\\_app\\_crs](https://evsivr.brighton.ac.uk/urd/sits.urd/run/siw_ipp_lgn.login?process=siw_ipp_app_crs).

Alongside your application we also require you to **upload copies of your bachelors and masters certificates and transcripts, your IELTS certificate or equivalent, evidence of your professional experience and two references** (one must be academic and both must have been written within the last year).

**For further information, please visit the UoB website on:**

<http://www.brighton.ac.uk/research/research-study/applying/edd-important-for-your-application.aspx>

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