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The Johns Hopkins Advantage
- Integrate interdisciplinary perspectives into your program of study
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- Enroll in courses offered across the university, including education, arts and sciences, public health, and medicine

Program Description
This full-time, four-year program follows an apprenticeship model, with one-to-one mentoring and participation in research from day one, with the goal of equipping candidates to assume roles as university faculty, researchers, or leaders in policymaking. As a Johns Hopkins PhD candidate, you work with a faculty adviser whose research is related to your area of interest, following a research-oriented plan of study with a strong emphasis on methodology and statistics. All activities are aimed at developing the skills and background you will need for your research dissertation—and for a lasting, productive role in higher education.

Requirements include earning a minimum of 72 graduate credits taken at the doctoral level at Johns Hopkins University. While the program will be tailored to the specific learning needs of each student, it includes the following coursework components:
- Research methods and statistics courses (minimum 18 credits)
- Core seminars (15 credits)
- Major and/or minor area electives and readings (minimum 21 credits)
- Dissertation research (18 credits)

Our candidates take courses offered across the university's world-class divisions and work on research teams at the School of Education's Center for Social Organization of Schools, Center for Research and Reform in Education, and Success for All, the nationally acclaimed research-driven, whole-school reform model. The School of Education also has many joint faculty appointments with the university's schools of Medicine, Nursing, and Public Health.

All PhD students at the School of Education are eligible for a Fellowship for up to four years. The Fellowship includes a yearly stipend and will cover tuition and fees. The Fellowship will also cover individual health, dental, and vision insurance. All PhD students must be registered full-time and be in good academic standing every semester to continue to be eligible for their Fellowship.

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**Admissions Requirements**
- Online application form
- $80 application fee
- Resume/CV
- Essay
- Writing Sample—A sample of an applicant’s most professional writing that demonstrates analytic and critical writing skills (average 10–20 pages)
- At least three letters of recommendation
- Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions
- Official GRE scores (within past five years)
- An interview also may be required

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### Frequently Asked Questions

**What is the difference between the EdD and the PhD?**

The PhD is designed to be individually tailored, with the goal of developing the independent research scientist. Following an apprenticeship model, the PhD program is full-time, face-to-face, and very small (only four to eight new students per year). We match students to an initial adviser so that they can start on research right away. Candidates take a set of core classes for breadth, but the bulk of the program involves building expertise in methods and statistics and specializing on a thesis topic area.

**Is Maryland residency required for the program?**

Yes. Our PhD is a full-time, residential program. Given the research apprenticeship model, we cannot accommodate those living out of state, and candidates are expected to be full-time students. In most cases, coursework takes place in-person and during regular business hours. More critically, our students form a community of scholars who support each other through the program.

**What GRE score is considered appropriate?**

Our program is aimed at developing strong, independent educational researchers, so the best students are strong in both verbal and quantitative skills. Our research methods and statistics courses are by necessity quite demanding. While there is some variability among admitted student scores, the average has been high. Of course, we do not base every admissions decision on test scores. If a student has clear research experience that reflects skills that are stronger than what the GRE might indicate, we pay attention.

**Is there tuition assistance or funding available?**

Yes. In fact, all students admitted to this program are offered full tuition assistance, as well as an annual stipend to support full-time study.

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