

# **INTERNATIONAL PHD PROGRAM IN EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION AND INNOVATION**

*The School 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 “refine leadership, redefine education”, the School of Educational Administration (SEA) 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 school 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 SEA consists of three concentrations: education administration and policy, school leadership and management, and human resources management in education. Aiming to train high-level education professionals, this international Ph.D. 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 the School 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 the School 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	<b>Chinese Culture(Chinese Education System, Policy and Management)</b>	Core (11 credits)	2	I
2	<b>Chinese Language</b>		2	I
3	Research Method		3	I
4	Academic Writing and Publishing		2	II
5	Forefront Research of Educational Management and Leadership		2	II
6	Human Resource Management in Education	Elective (3 credits)	3	I
7	Educational Policy Studies		3	I
8	Educational Planning: Theory and Practice		3	II
9	Practicum	Required Tasks (6 credits)	2	II
10	International Experiences		2	II
11	Mid-term Examination		2	III

**Program Requirements Credits:** Total 20 credits. At least 11 core course credits are required (1 credit equals 18 class hours), including 2 general compulsory course and 3 professional compulsory 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 Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree (or equivalent qualification) from a recognized university.
- Since the program is offered in English, a good mastery of English is required for program admission. Foreign students with English as a second language are suggested to verify their English proficiency with relative certificates. International English Language Testing System (IELTS) (Academic Module) (taken within a two-year period): Band 6 with no subtest lower than 5.5; or Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): An overall score of 100 or over.
- 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.

## **TUITION AND FEES**

Tuition: RMB 98,000 for three years

Living expenses in Beijing:

On-campus lodging: RMB 1,800-2,700 per month

Health Insurance: RMB 600 per year

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