



SCHOOL OF **Education**



University of Colorado **Boulder**

PhD Information Session

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What We Offer

Doctoral Programs (PhD)

- ❖ Educational Foundations, Policy & Practice
- ❖ Equity, Bilingualism & Biliteracy
- ❖ Learning Sciences & Human Development
- ❖ Literacy Education
- ❖ Research & Evaluation Methodology
- ❖ STEM Education
- ❖ Teacher Learning, Research & Practice



What We Look For (what we value)

Research orientation and
scholarly potential

Motivation & purpose for
doctoral study

Alignment with program
purpose and School of
Education mission

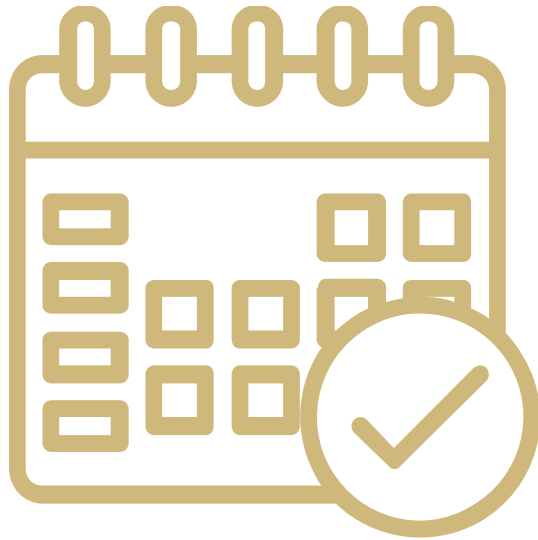
Teaching and other
educational,
community-based, or
lived experiences that
inform research
interests, curiosities

Willingness to engage
collaboratively in
learning, teaching, and
research contexts

Clear communication
and an emerging
academic voice

HOLISTIC
REVIEW OF
APPLICATION
MATERIALS

Application Overview



[Start online application](#)

Fall 2027 Intake Deadline

- *November 20: International*
- *December 1: Domestic*

Application Overview

Submit All Supporting Documents



- ✓ All post-secondary transcripts (unofficial)
- ✓ Personal statement
- ✓ 3 Letters of recommendation
- ✓ GRE scores (optional)
- ✓ CV (optional)
- ✓ English Proficiency scores (international)
- ✓ Application fee (\$60/\$80)

Application Process

Check Your Status

- ✓ Email
- ✓ Application Status Page



Timeline

January: invitation to virtual interview

Early February: admission decisions released

Early March: PhD Admitted Students Day

April 15: Accept or decline offer of admission



Application Process

Confirm Intent to Enroll



- April 15 Deadline
- Via Application Status Page
- \$200 Enrollment Deposit
- Send official transcripts
- Advising & course registration - summer

General Tips



Holistic review by faculty committees in program area

E-mail specific professors that you're interested in working with (response not guaranteed)

[PhD FAQs](#)

Deferral is possible at application or admit stage; transferal of funding package not guaranteed

Reach out to Natalie for help
(soe.gradvise@colorado.edu)

Letters of Recommendation (3)



Worked with you in an academic capacity
OR in a professional setting

Address writing, critical thinking, research
skills; ability to work independently and on
collaborative projects

Request well in advance; send reminders

Personal Statement

Research potential faculty advisors and mention them

- ✓ [CU Experts](#)
- ✓ Faculty profiles on SOE Website
- ✓ [EdTalks](#)

Broad research questions that motivate your work

How your experiences have shaped those interests

Why CU Boulder/SOE is the best place for you to explore your academic interests and professional goals

GRE



Optional!

GRE Code: 4841 (no department code needed)

Take the GRE at least 2 weeks prior to the deadline, if not sooner

If you submit a GRE score we'll look at it, but not having one won't disadvantage you in any way.

Program Framework



5 Years:

Year 1-2 Coursework

Year 3 Comprehensive Exams

Year 4-5 Dissertation work

Funding



Typical 5-Year Funding Package Includes:

- 50% appointment (20 hours/week)
 - Research and/or teaching
- Full tuition remission up to 15 credits, per semester
- Student Health Insurance Plan
 - Medical and Dental (can add dependents out of pocket – not covered)
- University Fellowship that covers student fees
- Stipend (~\$27,000 per year, paid monthly)

(*Summer funding is not guaranteed)

Resources



[Cost of Living](#)

[Graduate School Awards & Grants](#)

[FAFSA Application](#) is open!

[Scholarship Application](#) Opens December 1

Questions?



Thank you!

