

Educational Psychology and Learning Sciences

Fellowships and Assistantships



PhD in Educational Psychology & Learning Sciences: Full Funding Packages

Faculty and students in the University of Colorado Boulder's Educational Psychology & Learning Sciences

PhD program study how people learn in the context of organizing for more equitable social futures. The program provides students with a strong foundation in psychological, cultural, and social perspectives on education and in a variety of critical, interpretive, interventionist, participatory, and design-based research methods. These research methods are aimed at understanding and enhancing learning as well as studying and creating sustainable social change.

Program of Study

The program emphasizes:

- How a strong foundation in psychological perspectives on education and human development can inform efforts to improve conditions for learning
- The need to go beyond psychological perspectives to interpret learning and development in social, cultural, and historical contexts
- Social justice as a central concern in studying and informing efforts to improve learning conditions
- Humanistic approaches to research that draw on interpretive, phenomenological, and social practice theories of human action

Students work with faculty members who conduct research in a range of settings, including schools, afterschool programs, museums, community organizations, workplaces, and grassroots social movements.

Faculty members aim to prepare PhD students for careers in research. These include possible careers as faculty members in educational psychology and learning sciences programs at other colleges and universities and as full-time researchers within non-profit organizations or school systems.

Funding Packages

Funding Packages up to 5 years may be one of the following types:

- **Fellowship and Assistantship stipend:** A combination of a fellowship and a 25% time graduate assistantship for the first year, and a combination of a fellowship and 50% time assistantship for the second through fifth years.
- **50% time Graduate Assistantship stipend** for each of five years.

All students receive a funding package for five years with adequate progress; fellowships are awarded competitively.

Tuition Grants

All admitted PhD students also receive tuition grants equal to the cost of tuition (in-state or out-of-state) for the maximum number of semester hours.

How to Apply

Both School of Education and University of Colorado Boulder forms must be completed at:

https://soa.prod.cu.edu/degreeprog/applyDEGREEPROG_CUBLD/login.action

Applications include:

- A personal statement of your plans for graduate study and your professional career
- Transcripts from all higher education institutions
- Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) General Test Scores (www.ets.org)
- Three letters of recommendation

Deadline: December 15th (Domestic) December 1st (International)

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