Programme Overview

The Doctorate in Education (EdD) is an innovative inter-disciplinary programme, offered on a flexible full and part-time basis by the Schools of Education and Applied Social Science. Different modules are taught on a face-to-face and blended basis.

The programme comprises seven core taught modules:
1. The Nature of Social Enquiry
2. The Nature of Educational Enquiry
3. Digital Theory and Research
4. Research Design and Process
5. Quantitative Data Analysis
6. Qualitative Data Analysis
7. Professional Practice

This is followed by the conduct of an empirical study focused on an aspect of professional practice and the production of a doctoral thesis of 45,000 words.

"I had my eyes opened to new possibilities for research that I hadn’t dreamed of. The teaching was stimulating and enjoyable and the research process, with marvellous supervision, a real challenge and reward."

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Entrance Requirements

To be considered for admission to the degree, a candidate will normally have a good honours degree in Education or cognate subject from a Higher Education institution in the United Kingdom, or a degree of equivalent standard from an institution outside the United Kingdom. Exceptionally, a candidate with learning gained through extensive relevant professional experience may be considered for admission. Candidates are expected to have good numeracy skills and a willingness to engage in depth and breadth with statistical analysis.

Language Requirements

If English is not your first language, you must provide evidence of your proficiency such as a minimum IELTS score of 6.5 (6.0 minimum in each skill), or TOEFL: Listening 23, Reading 23, Speaking 23, Writing 23.

Tuition Fees

Details of tuition fees can be found at http://www.stir.ac.uk/postgraduate/financial-information/tuition-fees/

Pursuing the EdD has enabled me to conduct doctoral research in an area I am passionate about (learning) and has been a truly transformational experience.

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Whatever your professional interest in education - from schools, colleges and universities to professional, work-based and lifelong learning, or policy development – a Professional Doctorate (EdD) may be the right choice for you.

A Professional Doctorate in Education is rewarding and challenging, and can even be a life-changing experience. At Stirling, you will join a multi-professional group of students and academics focussing on research that has a beneficial impact on professional practice and policy.

Previous students of the EdD have included: school teachers and Further Education staff, senior leaders in Education and Further Education, TESOL professionals, and professional educators in areas such as medicine, pharmacy, nursing, accountancy, surveying and life sciences.

For further information on the campus visit: http://stir.ac.uk/9w

The programme afforded me the opportunity to carry out research into educational issues to broaden my understanding of the importance of academic research to inform the educational process and advancement of learning.

As a practitioner, I wholeheartedly believe that research can inform our pedagogical practice to bring about improvements in the provision of education.

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Five reasons why you should choose the EdD at Stirling

1. You will be contributing to the overall research capacity in Education, thereby making a difference to practice and/or policy.
2. You will gain a Professional Doctorate from a School of Education that is ranked first in Scotland*, one of the best in the UK and was the first in Scotland to offer an EdD.
3. You will be supported in developing the knowledge, skills and understanding of research by expert researchers in Education and the Social Sciences.
4. You will be introduced to leading edge empirical and theoretical research in a multi-disciplinary and multi-professional environment.
5. You will have the benefits of a flexible programme that supports you through different stages of the research process.