ADMISSIONS
2017-2018
DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PhD) IN EDUCATION
MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY (MPhil) IN EDUCATION
MASTER OF EDUCATION (MEd)
JOIN OUR PROGRAMMES TO UNLEASH YOUR LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL

THE AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY
Institute for Educational Development
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Thank you for your interest in joining the graduate programmes at the Aga Khan University Institute for Educational Development, Pakistan. This booklet provides information regarding the programmes, courses, admissions, fee structure and financial aid. For further assistance, please contact:

Office of the Registrar
T: +9221-3-634-7611-4, Ext: 8633/8631
E: ied.ro@aku.edu
Or visit www.aku.edu/registrar

“AKU-IED has reached a high degree of maturity and functions in a way, which matches the practices of other established institutions in Europe and elsewhere…It is now well established as a national resource for increased educational quality, effectiveness, relevance and outreach. It is seen as an important vehicle for the education, further education and re-training of teachers and education practitioners.”

European Commission Monitoring Report, 2006
DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PHD) IN EDUCATION
PROMOTING EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH

A three-year programme designed for professionals who are keen to improve the quality of education in the developing contexts by asking critical questions, designing innovative methods of inquiry and producing usable knowledge for education practitioners and policy makers.

“Learning opportunities at AKU-IED have tremendously supported me in enhancing my professional and personal life. The level of confidence I acquired by working on challenging assignments as a student, has enabled me to take up even more challenging tasks in my professional life.”

Dr Munira Amirali
MEd 2000 & PhD 2011
Now an Assistant Professor at the Aga Khan University Institute for Educational Development, Karachi, Pakistan

The Programme

- is recognised by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan.
- is highly selective and rigorous.
- has been designed in collaboration with experts from University of Toronto, Canada and Oxford University, UK.
- is offered in a vibrant research environment where national and international scholars share their research findings regularly and interact with students.
## Programme Structure

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The programme brochure and sample test paper can be downloaded from the website https://www.aku.edu/admissions/graduate/phd-education

Application for admission will be accepted from April 10, 2017 until June 16, 2017 only.

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Admission Office
Office of the Registrar
Aga Khan University – IED
1-5/B-VII F.B. Area, Karimabad, Karachi-75950
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Admission Requirements
- 18 years of Education (MPhil / MS in Education) with minimum cGPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Minimum two years of teaching / research / leadership / educational development experience.
Scholarships
Merit-based Scholarships are available for PhD (Education) Programme.

Students accepting the scholarship will be required to sign the service agreement to serve the Institution for 3 years after graduation.

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3. Research Intent
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Applicants working for the public sector schools/institutions, must submit a No Objection Certificate (NOC) through their respective District Education Department to study at AKU-IED. Admissions will be finalised only upon receipt of this NOC by the University.

7. Application Fee Receipt

For applicants in AKU residential Countries*:
A non-refundable application fee of Rs. 5,500/- payable in cash if deposited in person or through bank draft drawn in favour of ‘The Aga Khan University’ or through on-line banking must be deposited in: Soneri Bank
Title of Account: The Aga Khan University
Account No: 01020150472
Branch Code: 0020
Branch: Federal B. Area Branch
Shahrah-e-Pakistan, Karachi

The payment receipt must be attached with the application form.

For applicants in AKU non-residential countries:
A non-refundable application fee of US$ 275/- or its equivalent in Pakistani rupees must be paid online through:

Telex Transfer / International Cheque
Bank: Habib Bank Limited
Branch: Plaza Branch
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Account # 0786-79014650-11
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MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY IN EDUCATION
PROMOTING EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH

The two-year Master of Philosophy (MPhil) in Education develops leadership capacity for planning, conducting and disseminating research to improve curriculum, teaching, learning and educational planning and policy making. The graduates of this programme are expected to conduct high quality research and lead educational reforms in the context of the developing world.

“What distinguishes IED’s commitment to high quality and international standards is its emphasis on MPhil degree as a stepping stone towards PhD... This programme is compatible with international standards in graduate programme admissions in the field of comparative and international education, education policy and education foundation.”

Dr Iveta Silova
External Reviewer

The programme:

- is recognised by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan.
- is taught and supervised by internationally qualified PhD faculty with extensive teaching and research experience.
- offers various specialisations in research, education and development, educational processes and many other field.
- serves as a stepping stone for PhD in Education. If a CGPA of 3.0 on 4.0 scale in the MPhil is acquired and other admission requirements are met, student will be able to join the PhD in Education programme at AKU-IED.
Courses

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**Electives** *(Students will have to choose one of the following courses)*
- Globalisation and Educational Change
- Educational Reform in Developing Countries
- Citizenship Education

More information about the programme is available on [https://www.aku.edu/iedpk/mphil](https://www.aku.edu/iedpk/mphil).

Admission

Admission to the MPhil programme is based on merit and potential for research leadership. Merit will be assessed through the candidate’s scholastic achievements and performance in the AKU admission test. Research leadership potential of the candidate will be assessed through interviews, past experience and future research intent.

The programme brochure and sample test paper may be downloaded from AKU website: [https://www.aku.edu/admissions/graduate/mphil-education](https://www.aku.edu/admissions/graduate/mphil-education)

Application for admission will be accepted from **March 20, 2017 until June 2, 2017** only.

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**Admission Requirements**
- 16-years of schooling in Education with minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 point scale (semester system) or 65% score (annual examination system). Candidates holding a master’s or an honours’ degree in areas other than Education must have a 1.5 year BEd* degree (54 credits).
- Minimum two years teaching / research / leadership / educational development experience.

*Candidates applying with a 1-year BEd degree are required to complete 6 deficiency courses of 18 credits at IED.

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2. Statement of Purpose
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The sealed references (with the referee’s signature across the seal) may be submitted either directly to the Registrar’s Office or by the applicant.

5. Experience Letter
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MASTER OF EDUCATION
TRANSFORMING TEACHING, LEARNING AND LEADERSHIP PRACTICES

The Master of Education (MEd) programme develops in-service teacher educators, teachers, principals and education managers as reflective practitioners and leaders to improve teaching, learning, assessment and overall leadership and management practices in educational institutions. The programme is offered in full-time (two-year) and part-time (four-year) modes.

“I experienced a paradigmatic shift in my understanding of education at IED. It made me understand the philosophical and ethical bases of education. I learned to raise questions on critical educational issues and seek answers through research and inquiry.”

Dr Duishon Shamatov
MEd 1998
Now an Associate Professor at the Graduate School of Education, Nazarbayev University, Astana, Kazakhstan

The programme:

- is aligned with the regulations of the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan.
- has been developed in close collaboration with the Oxford University, UK and the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education of the University of Toronto, Canada.
- has gone through constant reviews by national and international experts in order to ensure that it incorporates new research-based knowledge, best practices and the changing priorities and needs of education.
- graduates are much sought after educators and leaders not only in Pakistan but also in other developing countries.
## Core Courses

Curriculum, Teaching and Learning  
Educational Change  
Qualitative Research Methods  
Quantitative Research Methods  
Academic Literacy  
Leadership in Education

## Electives

(Students will have to choose one of the following elective courses)

Teacher Learning  
Pedagogical Leadership  
Gender in Education  
Introduction to the Histories and Cultures of Muslim Societies  
Inclusive Education  
Moral Education  
Gender Discourse in Educational Leadership  
Health Promotion in Schools  
Ethics in Education  
Environmental Education  
Policy Studies for Education  
Comparative Education  
Early Childhood Education and Development  
Teaching and Learning with Technology

## Specialisations

Students can choose one of the following three areas for specialisation. If Teacher Education is chosen, courses can be selected under one of the four curriculum areas.

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**Introduction to Applied English Linguistics**  
**Learning Systems in ELT**  
**TESOL in Multilingual Classrooms**  
**Science Education**  
**Teaching and Learning Science**  
**Pedagogical Content**  
**Knowledge in Science**  
**Nature and Philosophy of Science**  
**Mathematics Education**  
**School Mathematics**  
**Teaching, Learning and Assessment in Mathematics**  
**History and Philosophy of Mathematics** |
|                         | **Social Studies Education**  
**Learning to Teach Social Studies 1**  
**Learning to Teach Social Studies 2**  
**Theories and Meanings of Social Studies** |
| **2. Educational Leadership and Management** | **Organisational Learning**  
**Effective Management Practices**  
**Strategic Leadership and Management in Education** |
Dissertation
Students are required to conduct an independent in-depth research study in an area of their interest in consultation with the supervisor.

More information about the programme is available on [https://www.aku.edu/iedpk/med](https://www.aku.edu/iedpk/med).

Admission

Admission to the MEd programme is based on merit assessed through the candidate’s scholastic achievements and performance in the AKU admission test and interview.

The programme brochure and sample test paper may be downloaded from our website [https://www.aku.edu/admissions/graduate/med](https://www.aku.edu/admissions/graduate/med).

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- To specialise in Assessment, Measurement and Evaluation (AME) / Teacher Education (TE): Minimum two years of teaching experience. Monitoring, evaluation and assessment related experience will be preferable for specialisation in AME.

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Important dates

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Tuition and other Fees

Successful candidates are required to pay a component of the fee on acceptance to the programme and the balance over the year of study.

Students defaulting on payments within the due dates may be suspended and/or barred from classes and/or progression to the next year of study until the clearance of dues in accordance with the University’s policies and procedures.

Students can pay the tuition and University fee in monthly installments.

Payments may be made in cash or through a bank draft in favour of “The Aga Khan University”. Personal cheques are not acceptable.

The Government of Pakistan has now made it mandatory for all Educational Institutions in Pakistan to charge and collect in addition to the cumulative aggregate fees, a 5% advance income tax. This statutory requirement is applicable on all types of fees, excluding security deposits, where the annual aggregate fee exceeds Rs. 200,000. Please note that advance income tax will not be charged if parent / guardians / student / sponsors submit a valid income tax exemption certificate issued by Federal Board of Revenue.

The tuition and other fees payable for each programme is available on: https://www.aku.edu/admissions/fees-and-funding
The University operates a financial assistance programme. It accepts applications for financial assistance from students who are selected on merit and have demonstrated financial need after having thoroughly explored all other possible sources of assistance.

For further details, please contact the Graduate Programmes Office:
T: + 92 21 36347611-4 Ext: 8591
E: ied.gpo@aku.edu
or visit https://www.aku.edu/admissions/fees-and-funding.

The Aga Khan University Admission Test scores are valid for a period of two years from the date the test is written. For admission to the 2017-2018 academic year the results of the test written in the year 2016 or 2015 will be acceptable for further processing of an application, only in cases where the candidate does not write the Admission Test in the year of application. Please note that the cut-off scores may vary each year.
Faculty

Professors

Sadrudin Pardhan (Professor Emeritus and Special Advisor to the Provost)
PhD (Chemistry), Uppsala University, Sweden
MSc (Physical Chemistry), Uppsala University, Sweden
MBA University of Alberta, Canada

Nelofer Halai
PhD (Teacher Education: Science), OISE-University of Toronto, Canada
MSc (Science Education), University of Southern Mississippi, USA

Associate Professors

Sarfaroz Niyozov, Director, AKU-IED
PhD (Curriculum Studies and Teachers Development), OISE - University of Toronto, Canada
MEd (Teacher Education), Aga Khan University, Karachi

Moladad Mohammad Shafa, Head, PDC, North and Chitral
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- PhD in Education
- MPhil in Education
- Master of Education
- Advanced Diploma in Education
- Certificate in Education and a variety of short/tailor-made courses

The programmes attract students not only from Pakistan but also from Bangladesh, Syria, Afghanistan, Tajikistan and other developing countries.

Research
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