ADMISSIONS
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MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY IN EDUCATION
MASTER OF EDUCATION
JOIN OUR PROGRAMMES TO UNLEASH YOUR LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL
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Thank you for your interest in joining the Master of Philosophy in Education/Master of Education Programme 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:

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“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
The programme:

- is recognised by the Higher Education Commission 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 fields.
- will give a boost to your career by equipping you with the knowledge and skills required for leadership positions in educational organisations, universities and NGOs.
- serves as a stepping stone for PhD in Education. If you acquire 3.0 CGPA on 4.0 scale in the MPhil and meet other admission requirements, you will be able to join the PhD in Education programme at AKU-IED.
Admission

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

The programme brochure and sample test paper may be downloaded from our website [www.aku.edu/registrar](http://www.aku.edu/registrar).

Application for admission will be accepted from 
**January 11, 2016 until February 29, 2016** only.

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**Electives (You will have to choose one elective course)**

- Globalisation and Educational Change
- Educational Reform in Developing Countries
- Citizenship Education
Admission Office
Office of the Registrar
Aga Khan University – IED
1-5/B-VII F.B. Area, Karimabad, Karachi-75950

between 9:00 am and 12:00 noon only.

There is no provision for processing applications after the closing date. It remains the responsibility of the candidate to complete the application requirements according to the instructions and time schedule. The Admission Office will send no reminders. Once acknowledged, an application will not be returned.

The University reserves the right to revoke admission and registration if an application form is discovered to be inaccurate or incomplete or if supporting documents are discovered to be fraudulent. Any candidate who presents a fraudulent document in support of an application for admission may be identified to other universities and colleges.

Admission requirements
- Minimum 16 years of education in a relevant discipline with a minimum CGPA of 2.50 on a 4.0-scale (semester system) or 65% score (annual examination system).
- Minimum two years of teaching / research / leadership / educational development experience.

Application requirements
The following supporting documents must be attached with the application form. All documents must be in English.

1. Academic transcripts
   A complete set of attested official transcripts including certificates, marks sheets / statement of marks and degrees received from graduate school / college and / or professional schools must be attached with the application.

2. Statement of purpose
   The rationale for enrolling in the MPhil programme and a summary of past education, training, experience, interests and future aim must be provided.

3. Research intent
   A Statement of Research Intent (1000 words) explaining the area and structure of the research study that you want to undertake during your MPhil must be attached.

   Please download the research intent template from
   www.aku.edu/admissions/graduate/educationaldevelopment/pakistan/Pages/MPhil.

4. Letters of recommendation
   Letters of recommendation from at least three people (professional and an academic) who are well acquainted with your previous academic work and professional experience must be provided. A blank template for the reference letter is included in the application form and is also available on
   www.aku.edu/admissions/graduate/educationaldevelopment/pakistan/Pages/MPhil.

   The sealed references (with the referee’s signature across the seal) must be submitted either directly to the Registrar’s office or by the applicant.

5. Experience letter
   Attested certificates of work / employment experience in the area of teaching, research, development work and / or leadership must be attached with the application.
6. No objection certificate (NOC)
If you are working for the public sector schools/institutions, you must submit your application form along with the No Objection Certificate (NOC) through your respective District Education Department to appear for the written test and interview and to study at AKU-IED.

7. Equivalency certificates
(for international applicants only)
Obtain equivalency certificates of the following qualifications from the respective institutions for submission along with your admission form:

- Secondary [grade IX, X] and Higher Secondary [grade XI, XII] qualifications from the Inter Board Committee of Chairman (www.ibcc.edu.pk).
- Graduate and post-graduate qualifications from the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan (www.hec.gov.pk).

Note: If you are waiting to receive your equivalency certificates, you will be allowed to submit your application form, write the AKU Admission Test and attend the Interview. However, a final decision regarding your selection will be subject to the submission of necessary equivalency documents to the Registrar’s Office.

8. Application fee receipt
For national applicants:
A non-refundable application fee of Rs. 5,500/- payable in cash if deposited in person or through bank draft drawn in favour of ‘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

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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.

“When I look back at my student days, the collaborative learning, facilitated in all programmes at IED, has been the most brilliant experience where we developed smaller learning communities that served as a way to bridge the gap between classroom and living experience.”

Mariam Farooq
MEd 2011

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.
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**Specialisations**
You can choose one of the following three areas as your specialisation. If you are choosing Teacher Education, you will select courses under one of the four curriculum areas.

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### Dissertation
You will also be required to conduct an independent in-depth research study in an area of your interest in consultation with your supervisor.

### Admission

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- 16 years of education including one year BEd or any other one-year professional qualification from a recognised institution/university with minimum 50% marks in either professional or academic degree.

- To specialise in Teacher Education or Educational Assessment, Measurement and Evaluation (EAME), minimum two years of teaching experience is required. Monitoring, evaluation and assessment related experience will be preferable for specialisation in EAME.

- To specialise in Educational Leadership and Management, minimum two years of teaching experience in an educational institution with at least one year of management experience such as principal, vice-principal, head teacher, head/deputy head of the school, head of department or coordinator is required.

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   Please note that your personal statement will be read very carefully as part of the process of deciding whether to shortlist you for the admission test. We therefore suggest that you write this very carefully. Particularly:
   - provide the rationale for applying to the programme and also for choosing a specific area of specialisation.
   - make clear how you think the programme will help you in your future career.

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Fee and other charges

If you get selected, you will be sent an admission offer letter to join the programme and asked to pay a component of the tuition fee. All one-time fees must be paid at the time of admission. The schedule of tuition and other charges for the academic year 2016-17 will be provided at www.aku.edu/admissions/feesandfunding.

After joining the programme, you will be required to pay your tuition fee along with other dues at the beginning of each month. In case of defaulting on payments within the due dates, students may be suspended and/or barred from classes and examinations until the clearance of dues in accordance with the University’s policies and procedures.

Financial assistance

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.

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or visit www.aku.edu/admissions/feesandfunding.
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Student facilities

Accommodation
There is limited accommodation facility in AKU hostels. When available, preference in allocation of rooms is given to students from outside Karachi. Located within the close proximity of the campus, the hostels provide furnished shared accommodation facility. Transport between the hostels and IED is provided at designated hours.

Library
The Institute has one of the best libraries providing a wide range of resources / services focusing on teacher education, curriculum development, leadership management, educational development and other areas. The growing collection of the library currently comprises books (print and electronic), journals (print and electronic), as well as a large collection of video and audiocassettes, CDs and DVDs. The library collection includes about 30,000 printed books. The library subscribes to 250,000 e-books from e-library and many e-journals databases providing access to almost 6,000 e-journals.

Computer and internet
Computer labs are located within the campus for students to prepare their assignments and to search for online educational materials.

Lunch and tea arrangements
Lunch, snacks and tea is available on the campus at a nominal price.

Students’ lounge
Located within the AKU-IED campus, Students’ lounge offers a comfortable place for casual conversation and break. Students are also provided with lockers for personal belongings.

Medical care
Students are eligible for medical facilities offered by the Aga Khan University Hospital as per the University’s Student Health Policy.

Sports
AKU has an award winning Sports and Rehabilitation Centre at its Stadium Road Campus, which provides recreational facilities for students. Shuttle services are provided to students to access the sports facilities on a daily basis.

On-campus Wi-Fi
Wi-Fi is available on the AKU-IED campus. Most of the Classrooms provide free access to the internet for laptops and mobile phones.

Research seminars
Students get the opportunity to participate in policy dialogues, conferences and monthly research seminars organised by the Institute.

Learning studio
The learning Studio at AKU-IED is equipped with state-of-the-art teaching technology. Aiming at developing 21st century teaching and learning skills, it encourages active, collaborative, reflective and inquiry-based learning experiences. In addition to collaborative teaching, the room supports a core set of activities such as technology enabled seminars, blended learning sessions, large group research/conferencing), video conferencing, etc.
Aga Khan University
The Aga Khan University, chartered in 1983, is a private, autonomous university that promotes human welfare through research, teaching and community service initiatives. Based on the principles of quality, access, impact and relevance, the University has campuses and programmes in South Asia, the Middle East, Europe and Africa.

Its facilities include teaching hospitals, Faculties of Health Sciences with Schools of Nursing and Midwifery and Medical Colleges, Institutes for Educational Development, an Examination Board and the Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations. A Graduate School of Media and Communications, an East African Institute and an Institute for Human Development are under development. The Faculties of Arts and Sciences are to be set up in Pakistan and East Africa.

Through its needs-blind admissions policy, the University develops the most promising leaders and thinkers of tomorrow with an ethic of service and the skills to help communities solve their most pressing challenges.

The University is part of the Aga Khan Development Network, a group of private development agencies with mandates ranging from health and education to architecture, culture, microfinance, rural development, disaster reduction, promotion of private-sector enterprise and revitalisation of historic cities.

Institute for Educational Development, Pakistan
Established in 1993, the Aga Khan University Institute for Educational Development, Pakistan stands as a centre of distinction for: developing educators, education managers, researchers and policy makers as exemplary leaders to improve the quality and delivery of education; generating knowledge to transform educational practices and policies; and implementing innovative and contextually relevant school improvement programmes in the under-served and hard-to-access areas.

Programmes
We offer the following programmes for in-service professionals in education:
- PhD in Education
- MPhil in Education
- Master of Education
- Advanced Diploma in Education
- Certificate in Education and a variety of short/tailor-made courses

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

Research
Research is intrinsic to our activities and our commitment to influencing education policies and practices. Our focus is on conducting and disseminating research on critical issues ranging from the core problems of classroom teaching and school leadership to concerns related to educational policy.
Outreach
The Professional Development Centres in Gilgit, Chitral and Karachi function as our extended arms. They reach out to under-served areas where teachers have very limited opportunities to further their education and schools lack the support and resources to improve their performance. Serving as regional hubs, the PDCs offer contextually relevant capacity building programmes for educational professionals and implement innovative school improvement projects.

Disclaimer
This booklet contains information about the MPhil in Education and Master of Education programmes at AKU- IED, Pakistan. The Institute has made reasonable efforts to ensure that the information provided is helpful and accurate. However, the information provided is subject to change over time. Some circumstances (such as staff changes and other factors over which the Institute has no control) may result in the Institute having to withdraw or change aspects of the programmes and/or student facilities and resources detailed in this booklet. In order to ensure quality, the Institute regularly reviews the modules and programmes offered and when deemed necessary, may change or withdraw a module or add a new course.