EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP
DOCTORAL PROGRAM

NOW MORE THAN EVER, EDUCATION REQUIRES TRANSFORMATIVE LEADERS

SF State’s EdD program is distinguished by:

- An accelerated timeline: Enrolling for 3 years to complete course work and the dissertation.
- A focus on social justice leadership: Increasing equity, access, and achievement for all learners.
- A distinguished multi-disciplinary faculty: Providing perspectives from six colleges within the university.
- A cohort community of Students: Attending class together building a network of change agents.
- The integration of theory and practice: Using analytical tools to inform evidence-based decision-making.

OUR MISSION
Preparing educational leaders who envision and lead social justice reform for California public education from early childhood through community college.

“It will always be the best and most difficult thing I have ever done.”
- EdD Program Graduate

LEAD THE CHANGE
If you are ready to move beyond resistance to reimagine education, San Francisco State’s EdD in Educational Leadership prepares you to lead the change.

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The EdD in Educational Leadership - FAQs

WHAT IS UNIQUE ABOUT THE SFSU PROGRAM?

- The SF State EdD in Educational Leadership program focuses on issues of equity: to dismantle the systems and structures that disproportionately impact so many students. The curriculum is organized around the themes of leadership, equity and inquiry and courses are taught by a multidisciplinary faculty as well as practitioner leaders.
- Cohorts are integrated with students specializing in ECE, P-12, and post-secondary education to expand the conversation allowing students to explore the ways that systems succeed and fail across sectors.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO COMPLETE THE EdD PROGRAM?

- Students are admitted in a single cohort each year. The program of study is 60 units and requires 3 years to complete, taking courses year-round in fall, spring and summer. The first six semesters consist of coursework; the last 2 semesters students enroll in research seminars to support the completion of the original research and writing the Dissertation.

HOW ARE CLASSES SCHEDULED?

- Classes are scheduled every other weekend from mid-August to the first week of December, and then from late January until early May. The class schedule for Fall and Spring terms is Saturday 9-6 pm (1-2 lunch), and Sunday 9-1.
- During the summer, classes are scheduled on four weekends, Saturday and Sunday from 9-6. Generally, there are three weekends in June and one weekend after the July 4th holiday.

HOW MUCH DOES THE PROGRAM COST?

- EdD students in the CSU pay the doctoral tuition, which is not based on units taken per semester. Please visit the Bursar’s website for the most up to date information on tuition and fees: http://www.sfsu.edu/~bursar/
- Applicants are encouraged to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by January in preparation for enrollment following fall semester: www.fafsa.ed.gov. More information about financial aid can be found at SF State’s Financial Aid website: http://financialaid.sfsu.edu/
- For information on financial aid opportunities: http://edd.sfsu.edu/content/financial-aid-and-scholarships

WHEN DO APPLICATIONS OPEN?

- The application is all online. CSU Application window opens October 1. Information about how to apply to SF State can be found at http://grad.sfsu.edu/content/prospective/domestic/domestic-application-submission.

WHAT IS THE APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR THE FALL 2019 COHORT?

- February 1, 2021 begins the early review of applications with rolling admissions until the cohort is filled.
- April 1, 2021 is the final application deadline. All materials must be received by the University and the EdD program by this date.

WHAT ARE THE MINIMUM ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS?

- If you have an earned master’s degree from an accredited institution of higher education, maintained a minimum 3.0 GPA were in good standing at the last institution you attended, you meet minimum admissions requirements to the University. Excellent references, a personal statement and resume demonstrating your commitment to equity and your potential for leadership, along with GRE scores on the verbal, quantitative, and analytic writing test are required and must have been taken within the last 5 years. We seek experienced, committed, and visionary educators seeking to reimagine schooling in California. If that is you, we hope you will apply.

HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

- Visit our website: edd.sfsu.edu where you can learn about our faculty, students, and curriculum, and browse the dissertations and consider attending an Information Session in fall and spring. The most up-to-date listing of sessions can be found at http://edd.sfsu.edu/content/events.