The Sheffield EdD

Distance-learning Research Degree

The Sheffield EdD is a vibrant and successful distance-learning programme which attracts students from all over the world. Equivalent to a PhD in terms of scale and input, the EdD is advantageous as it provides a structured, part-time programme of study, designed to work flexibly around you and your work schedule. The programme is taught through weekend residential schools, individual and group supervision.

The Sheffield EdD programme is unique in offering the exciting opportunity to:

- Gain a doctorate while working full-time
- Support your professional life and career development needs
- Challenge your ideas with innovative thinking, but within an environment that is friendly and supportive.

The programme enables each student to focus on issues relating to their own professional situation. It provides a sound foundation in the philosophy, principles and practices of educational research and a critical understanding of key contemporary issues affecting all sectors and phases of education and training. The main aim of the programme is that students develop their own high standards of research that will be relevant to a range of professional and managerial careers.

The Sheffield EdD is sub-divided into five Named Routes and each student is attached to one particular Named Route. The routes are:

- Early Childhood Education
- Educational Studies
- Higher Education
- Language, Learning and Teaching
- Literacy and Language

“The EdD Programme is both challenging and intensely rewarding; the study weekends are fabulous and keep me motivated, engaged and fascinated with the wide range of contemporary research sessions offered.”

- Kate D'Arcy

Who is the EdD for?

EdD students work in a broad range of areas relating to education and training, whether in schools, higher education, nurseries, voluntary and independent sectors, advisory, inspectorial or managerial roles.

“The EdD is proving to be a fantastic experience. There is such a wide range of educational professionals, from a variety of countries following the various strands of the course.”

- Kathryn Hobbs

“It didn't occur to me that successful completion of the degree would open up new career opportunities. Yet, within three months of the viva I have a new and unanticipated job which the EdD was key to securing.”

- Ian Summerscales

The EdD course team have established international reputations in their respective areas. Our team includes:

Directors: Dr Rachael Levy, Dr David Hyatt (Part 2)

Team: Dr Caroline Hart, Dr China Mills, Professor Tom Billington, Dr Julia Davies, Professor Dan Goodley, Professor Jackie Marsh, Professor Cathy Nutbrown, Professor Kate Pahl, Dr Vassiliki Papatsiba, Professor Gareth Parry, Dr Mark Payne, Dr Darren Webb, Dr Anthony Williams, Dr Chris Winter, Professor Elizabeth Wood, Dr Liz Chesworth, Professor Pat Sikes.

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