

FAQs

How do I apply for the EdD programme?

Applications must be submitted via the PGAP portal, to enable us to fully review your application. If you are a first-time applicant, you will need to register an account. Please use the link below to register/login to PGAP: <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/pgap/login.php>

The application process involves submitting a range of documentation which is listed on the entry requirement section on the link below along with further information on the EdD. [Professional Doctorate of Education | Postgraduate Taught Subjects | Study Here | The University of Aberdeen \(abdn.ac.uk\)](#)

What should be in my personal statement? Should it cover what I would like to research?

Your personal statement should explain why you wish to undertake an EdD in relation to your personal and professional/career development. This can involve an explanation/outline of your professional trajectory to date, and where you see yourself in the future. A research proposal related to a specific topic is not necessary at this stage, but an indication of the sorts of research topics, issues and questions you envisage engaging with in the research stage of the EdD programme, is helpful. The following headings may be useful in constructing your personal statement: Why I want to study for a professional doctorate; How my professional experience makes me suitable for this programme of study; How I plan to manage my doctoral study with my current work commitments; How I hope my EdD studies will also benefit my employers and/or my clients; Potential areas of research interest to explore for my doctoral thesis and why.

What documents do I need to provide with my application?

Please review the documents required section on the following webpage [Professional Doctorate of Education | Postgraduate Taught Subjects | Study Here | The University of Aberdeen \(abdn.ac.uk\)](#) Please note should any documents be missing when your application is submitted then your application will be placed on hold until you provide them.

Is the course taught fully online?

EdD students are supported via a mix of synchronous and asynchronous online activities with opportunities to be on campus during October and February (also offered in hybrid, although students are strongly encouraged to attend in person).

Is there a deadline for submitting my application?

We recommend applying as soon as possible or at least a month before the October start to allow time for your application to be reviewed.

What if I have a 2.2 instead of a 2.1, can I still apply?

We recommend you submit an application as the academic reviewers take into consideration your working history, other qualifications and your references to allow them to reach a decision.

What are the fees?

Please review the following webpage: [Tuition Fee Rates | Students | The University of Aberdeen \(abdn.ac.uk\)](#)

Is there any discount for being an alumni?

Please review the following webpage: [Aberdeen Alumni Discount | Funding | Study Here | The University of Aberdeen \(abdn.ac.uk\)](#)

Is there any funding available?

Please review the funding database for information: [Scholarships | Study Here | The University of Aberdeen \(abdn.ac.uk\)](#)

Could you advise on how I might be able to apply where recognition/accreditation of prior learning (RPL/APL) is considered?

Recognition/accreditation of prior learning (RPL/APL) is **not** considered in relation to the EdD. Students undertaking the EdD must complete each of the taught courses.

How many days/hours does the EdD programme require a week?

Approximately 15 hours per week.

Can I study the EdD and still work full time?

Yes.

When does the EdD education course start and finish each year?

The EdD Programme runs between October and May each academic year with provision for resitting assignments in July should this be necessary for some students.

What are the dates for the study weeks?

Courses in the first semester begin with an on-campus teaching week in mid-October (also offered in hybrid, although students are strongly encouraged to attend in person).

Courses in the second semester begin with an on-campus weekend of teaching in mid-February (also offered in hybrid, although students are strongly encouraged to attend in person).

The dates for on-campus teaching are planned to align with Scottish school holidays.

Students who are unable to travel to Aberdeen for campus-based learning, can join the campus-based teaching sessions online.

Is the content taught by live lectures or is it pre-recorded?

Course content is taught with on-campus teaching weeks in October and February (also offered in hybrid, although students are strongly encouraged to attend in person) followed by a mix of synchronous and asynchronous online activities.