

Education Entrepreneurship Program FAQs

Dear applicant,

We appreciate your interest in the Master's in Education Entrepreneurship at the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education. We hope that you find the following information helpful and look forward to reviewing your application.

Warm regards,

The Education Entrepreneurship Program Team

Q – What are the admissions requirements for the program?

A – Thank you for your interest in Penn GSE. You can find detailed application instructions on our [admissions website](#). If you have any further questions related specifically to your own application, please feel free to call the Penn GSE Office of Admissions and Financial Aid at (215) 898-6415, or email us at admissions@gse.upenn.edu.

Quick Facts:

- The Education Entrepreneurship program does not require the GRE.
- International students are required to submit TOEFL scores and [NACES](#) course-by-course evaluation
- All applicants are required to submit:
 - Three letters of recommendation,
 - Official academic transcripts,
 - A current resume, and
 - A statement of purpose.

Please see the [admissions website](#) for more details on these requirements.

Q – When should I apply?

A –The application deadline is March 1, 2017.

Q – I would like to visit Penn's campus. Whom should I contact?

A – Prospective students are welcome to visit Penn GSE for an information session and a campus tour. The Penn GSE Office of Admissions staff members can provide detailed information. Please see the [Penn GSE Campus Visit page](#) for more details. If you still have questions after speaking with Penn GSE Admissions staff, please email us via our [inquiry form](#) and we will respond within 3-5 business days.

Q – What are the requirements for applying to the Education Entrepreneurship Program?

A – All applicants must have at least a bachelor’s degree before beginning the program, as well as three years of full-time professional experience after college in order to be eligible for consideration. Internships during your undergraduate career do not count towards the minimum three years full-time work requirement.

Q – What kind of applicants are you looking for?

A – The Education Entrepreneurship (EdEnt) Program is looking for candidates who not only meet the application requirements, but also those who are passionate about finding innovative and entrepreneurial solutions to challenges within education. We highly recommend that applicants share a clearly articulated vision for a potential education venture as part of their statement of purpose in the GSE Admissions application.

Q – Is there a minimum GPA or GRE score?

A – The GRE is not required for the application. If you do submit, we will take your scores into consideration. Please understand that there is no penalty for not submitting a GRE score. Additionally, there is no minimum GPA requirement, as we review applications holistically and take into account an individual’s interests, background, and experience.

Q – Are TOEFL scores required for the application?

A – All international students are required to take and submit TOEFL scores as part of their application to the Education Entrepreneurship Program

Q – What is an executive-style schedule?

A – The Education Entrepreneurship program follows an executive-style schedule. This means that the program meets on site at the University of Pennsylvania for extended summer program intensives (between five to 10 days), as well as for six weekends throughout the regular academic year. Students come together on campus only eight times across 13 months. This makes it possible for students to continue residing in their home cities or countries and continue working in their current jobs, while concurrently participating in our program.

Q – Would I be able to send the Admissions team copies of my letters of recommendation or resume to assess if I am a competitive candidate?

A – Unfortunately we do not have the ability to pre-review application materials prior to receiving your application. Each applicant must submit their application through the Penn GSE application website for it to be formally evaluated by the faculty review team.

Q – I am an international student, what visa will I receive?

A – All international students will receive an I-20 and an F-1 visa to participate in this program. This visa will cover the duration of the entire program. Visas should be applied for at least 2-3 months before the program start date.

Q – I received a bachelor’s degree from a non-US institution, do I need to evaluate my transcript?

A – All applicants with international transcripts must provide course-by-course evaluations performed by any member of the National Association for Credential Evaluation Services (NACES). **Every** institution you list as part of your educational background will require a course-by-course evaluation. We recommend that you **do not** list study abroad experiences that only span one semester as a separate entry in your educational background section.

Q – How many letters of recommendation do I need?

A – We require three letters of recommendation from each applicant. All recommendations must be from your academic and/or professional networks. We do not accept any more than three letters. There is no minimum requirement for the number of letters from either academic and/or professional recommendation. All three letters may come from professional references.

Q – Does Education Entrepreneurship offer financial aid or scholarships?

A – The Education Entrepreneurship program offers a small number of merit-based scholarships, and no separate application is needed to qualify. All applicants are automatically considered for these scholarships during their application review. Please contact the Penn GSE Office of Admissions and Financial Aid at (215) 898-6415, or email admissions@gse.upenn.edu for all questions regarding loans.

Q – Does Education Entrepreneurship provide graduate/research assistantship positions?

A – The Education Entrepreneurship program **does not** provide research assistantships or graduate assistantship positions for students, since most students do not reside in Philadelphia and continue to maintain their full-time employment during their participation in the program.