

Program FAQs

Dear Applicant,

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

Warm regards,

The Education Entrepreneurship Program Team

Program Application Requirements

Q – When should I apply?

A – We recommend that you apply early, since space is limited. The application process will open in September 2016 for the next program beginning June 2017. The **early application deadline** is **February 1, 2017** and the **regular deadline** is **March 15, 2017**. Though we encourage you to apply early, there is no difference in your likelihood of being accepted into the program based on when you apply. Applicants are given equal consideration regardless of when they apply.

- **Early Deadline:** 2/1/2017
- **Regular Deadline:** 3/15/2017

The application deadlines are subject to change from year to year, so please be sure to check [the GSE Admissions website](#) for the most up-to-date information.

Q – Are there any pre- requisites 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 3 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 3 years full-time work requirement.

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 – 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 – 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.

General Admissions FAQs

Q – What are the general 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 detail on these requirements.

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 – I would like to visit Penn’s campus. Who 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.

International Student FAQs

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 1 semester as a separate entry in your educational background section.

Financial Aid, Scholarships, and Graduate Assistantships

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 them at 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.

Program Format

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 campus for extended summer program intensives (between 5 to 10 days), as well as for 6 weekends throughout the regular academic year. Students come together on campus only 8 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.