

APPLICATION STEPS AND DETAILS *School Leadership (EDUC) Ed.D. Program*

Overview of Application Process

The application process for the EDUC Ed.D. Program is a two-part process involving an initial screening application to the School Leadership (EDUC) Ed.D. Program, followed by a formal application to the University of Maryland for Fall 2026.

Step 1: (unofficial) screening application process (Deadline: May 15)

All required application materials are submitted to the program for screening. Additional screening exercises are conducted which may include an interview. Complete the pdf fillable graduate application located within the initial online application:

https://umdsurvey.umd.edu/jfe/form/SV_d0j0dq3swFY4jjw

NOTE: you must be a US Citizen or pending US Citizen to apply to this program.

Upload the following required application materials:

- *Transcripts from all institutions from which you received a degree as well as 9 credits or more; May be unofficial but must have degree posted and cumulative GPAs posted on transcripts.*
**See Note below if you have international transcript(s).*
- *Personal Statement and Resume*
- *1 letter of recommendation speaking to Leadership skills (you will need a total of 3 for the official application, if selected)*
- *Answer 3 questions listed in the initial Application*
- *Personal Experiences (write 200 to 300 words on 1 of 3 prompts)*

***Note:** If you have an international transcript, we will need the following transcript documentation:

- A copy of the original transcript(s) in original language, certificate/diploma along with an [literal English translation](#). (WES or ECE or Spantran evaluations are **NOT** accepted)
- In some cases, English Proficiency Exam may be required: TOEFL or IELTS or PTE. (Philippine transcripts require Exam scores). For more information on score requirements, visit the [Graduate School English Proficiency Exam](#) webpage.

Step 2: Program faculty screen applicants and recommend for full application. Candidates that successfully go through the program screening process are recommended to formally apply to the University of Maryland, Graduate School. **(Deadline: May 15)**

Application and Admission Timeline:

September 30, 2025 Application Portal Opens (Contact jfoster@umd.edu in order to submit)

May 17, 2026 Application Portal Closes/Screening & Review Process Begins

- Completed applications are reviewed by Ed.D. Team
- Promising candidates are invited to interview with Ed.D. team
- On **June 8, 2026** Notifications will be sent to candidates recommended to officially apply to the University of Maryland Graduate School. The Graduate School application portal will open June 8, 2026 through July 14, 2026

Fall Semester Classes Begins approximately August 26, 2026

Tuition/Program Costs

AY 25-26 (June, 2025- May, 2026) - \$800.50 per graduate credit. Subject to annual increase.

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