

International Doctoral Research Seminar 2024

Call for DOCTORAL STUDENT/CANDIDATE Applications

The Werklund School of Education has established formal partnerships with Faculties/Schools of Education at Beijing Normal University (BNU) in China and Queensland University of Technology (QUT) in Australia to promote research collaborations among doctoral students and faculty members at three universities. This collaborative initiative involves a joint annual doctoral forum hosted by partner universities in alternate years. Participating doctoral students will engage in collaborative, interdisciplinary and scholarly writing activities. Seminar activities will typically include: 1) academic forums and workshops, 2) collaborative student presentations, and 3) related cultural activities.

Doctoral Seminar Theme

The 2024 Doctoral Seminar will be at Queensland University of Technology, in Brisbane.

Theme: The Emancipatory Power of a Doctoral Education

The 2024 Doctoral Research Seminar seeks to create opportunities for doctoral students to think about their research and research education through a lens of emancipatory power that goes beyond agency and builds capacity to see and act on opportunities for change. In the 2024 Doctoral Research Seminar, we will collectively explore how a Doctoral Education offers opportunities for becoming an emancipatory researcher with an appetite for different ways of thinking, evident through an openness to diverse methodologies and methods, to challenging conventional systems of knowledge, to the possibility for offering alternative structures alongside critical analysis and deconstruction, or to questioning epistemological, ontological, and axiological practices and assumptions.

Seminar Structure

Participation in the Doctoral Research Seminar will include:

PRE-SEMINAR - Academic & Cultural Orientations – August & September 2024, synchronous, on-line interactions with WSE, BNU, & QUT seminar participants and faculty mentors (in Zoom).

SEMINAR – At QUT in Brisbane, AU from November 4 – 8, 2024. University of Calgary participants will travel and then engage in full seminar days, Monday to Friday, the entire week.

POST-SEMINAR - Scholarly publishing and other forms of knowledge mobilization, writing with other Seminar participants from the three participating academic institutions (Nov 2024 – Jun 2025).

Funding

Daily hospitality, accommodations and travel to the seminar will be funded by the Werklund School of Education. University of Calgary participants will be responsible for any additional personal spending/expenses.

Participants

Up to 5 doctoral students will be selected to represent the Werklund School of Education at this seminar. Post-candidacy candidates will be prioritized.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

The following criteria will be used in selecting doctoral students for the Seminar:

1. Doctoral students will be enrolled in either the 2nd or 3rd year of a doctoral program in the Werklund School of Education. Students will either be post-candidacy or making sufficient progress in their academic program to support active participation in the Seminar and scholarly writing beyond one's own thesis.
2. Academic supervisors will be asked to submit a letter of reference, part of which will indicate the student's progress in the doctoral program, alignment of research interest with Seminar theme, and suitability for this cross-cultural, interdisciplinary, and scholarly experience.
3. Applicants will include a Letter of Application word document that addresses the following selection criteria (*single spaced, limit 1000 words, 12-point font*):
 - a. Research alignment with the Seminar theme.
 - b. Research interests/questions to explore.
 - c. Supports in place to be free for travel and immersion in seminar for the whole week.
 - d. Language(s) spoken.
 - e. Prior experience working, studying, living across cultures.
 - f. Personal qualities that will support success in the Doctoral seminar.
 - g. Perceived challenges with participation in Doctoral seminar.
 - h. Confirmation of commitment to pre- and post- Seminar, academic writing, seminar week, as well as cultural activities.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Please include the following in your application package:

1. Application form (that follows)
2. Letter of Application (max 2 pages)
3. Current Curriculum Vitae
4. Reference Letter from doctoral supervisor (max 2 pages)

DATE FOR APPLICATION SUBMISSION: May 6, 2024.

Please COMPLETE your application package, save as a PDF, and send as an attachment to educintl@ucalgary.ca with subject heading: **Doctoral Seminar 2024 application** - LASTNAME.

International Doctoral Research Seminar 2024
STUDENT APPLICATION

Applicant Name: _____ UCID: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Contact Name/Information in Case of
Emergency: _____

Have you ever visited/lived in China or Australia? Yes No
If yes, in what capacity?

Languages spoken: English Other (list)

DOCTORAL PROGRAM

Please indicate: PhD EdD

Specialization: _____

Year in Program: _____

Candidacy Exam completed: Yes – Month / Year _____ No

If no, please indicate date of scheduled candidacy exam: _____

Supervisor's Name: _____

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| ATTACHMENTS REQUIRED | | COMPLETE ✓ |
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| Please include the following three documents in your application: | | |
| 1 | Statement of Interest/Alignment to research theme <i>Please provide a detailed two-page word document that addresses the selection criteria (single spaced, limit 1000 words, 12-point font)</i> | |
| 2 | Current Academic CV | |
| 3 | Reference Letter from Supervisor (max 2 pages) | |

I agree to actively engage in the following aspects of the International Doctoral Research Seminar:

- Pre-Seminar orientations during August and September 2024 (online)
- Full day seminar / cultural activities from Nov 4 - 8 at Queensland University of Technology (in person)
- Post-Seminar academic writing and knowledge mobilization activities from November 2024 through June 2025 (given knowledge engagement activates selected, the collaborative writing activities associated with the seminar may extend past this date).

APPLICANT (Print name)

Signature

Date: _____

SUPERVISOR (Print name)

Signature

Date: _____