
George Mason University

Seeking Applications for a Federally-Funded DOCTORAL GRANT

The Ph.D. Program consists of:

- *Major in Special Education*
 - *Minor in newly-developed cognate on Special Education Leadership*
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Participants will be selected to receive **100% tuition*** for a specific 65-credit doctoral program in special education. Applicants must have or be able to commit to the following:

- Have full certification in special education, general education, administration, or related service area
- Completed a minimum three years of successful teaching experiences as fully-certified educator or related service personnel
- Provide documentation of competence in serving students with school-aged (elementary and/or secondary) high-incidence disabilities who are culturally and linguistically diverse (service may be in any setting)
- Commit to continued service in special education as a condition for accepting grant support
- Provide documentation of emerging and/or documented evidence of leadership qualities
- Certify commitment to complete the doctoral program within three (full-time) or four (part-time) years
- Be eligible for immediate admittance to GMU Ph.D. Programs (refer to eligibility requirements on <http://gse.gmu.edu/programs/phd/>)

Additionally, we desire applications from:

- Individuals with disabilities
- Individuals from culturally diverse and/or traditionally underrepresented groups in doctoral programs
- Individuals who desire full-time* immersion in the scholarly environment of this doctoral program
 - *Applicants who can complete the doctoral program on a full-time basis are desired. Applicants who can complete the program on a part-time basis are also eligible.

* **In addition to 100% tuition** support for a specific 65-credit doctoral program for in-state doctoral students, participants will receive **stipends** to cover program-related expenses. Full-time participants (in- or out-of-state) may receive a package of financial support (tuition and stipends) that may exceed \$20,000 annually. Additionally, all participants may be **eligible for Graduate Research Assistant** positions. In total, financial support may exceed \$30,000 annually.

For more information:

- Review the Doctoral Grant Information Web Site <http://kihd.gmu.edu/PhDSpecialEducationLeadershipGrant>
- **The last GRANT Information Session was held on November 12, 2008.** Please refer to the PPT used for the November 12 GRANT Information. Note that content discussed at GRANT Information Sessions mirrors content on the grant web site.
- Grant applicants should attend a PhD Program Information Session. View the PhD web site for details about those sessions. *Note that the PhD Program Information Sessions are not designed to describe this grant.* However, grant applicants must first be accepted into the PhD program.
- After reviewing the Doctoral Grant Information Web Site and the PPT of the November GRANT Information Session, contact *one* of the Principal Investigators if you have further questions or desire discussion:
 - Dr. Margaret King-Sears mkingsea@gmu.edu
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Ph.D. applications for applicants interested in Cohort 2 (courses begin May or August 2009) due February 1, 2009.

November 18, 2008