

**Ph.D. Program in Education Policy  
Departmental Application Form  
(You must first file a separate application with the Graduate School)**

Department of Education Reform  
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*Instructions: Please send your filled-out and signed departmental application, curriculum vitae, and application essay directly to Dr. Tom Bennett, Graduate Coordinator, at tabennet@uark.edu or put it in the mail to him at 202 GRAD, Department of Education Reform, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR 72701.*

***Next program cohort starts August 1, 2022  
Application Deadline: January 10, 2022.***

***I. PERSONAL DATA***

Date:

Name:

Mailing Address:

City: State: Zip or Postal Code: Country:

Phone: ( ) Fax: ( ) Email:

I would like to enter the Ph.D. program in Education Policy in the fall of 20\_\_

Have you filed your online application with the University of Arkansas Graduate School? Yes (Date) No

Academic Background

Bachelor's degree(s): Awarded by: Year:

Major(s): Minor(s):

Cumulative GPA:

Master's degree(s) (if applicable): Awarded by: Year:

Field(s):

Cumulative GPA:

Graduate Record Examination (GRE): Date of examination:

Composite score: Verbal: Quantitative:

Analytical writing:

## II. APPLICATION ESSAY + CURRICULUM VITAE (OR RESUME)

### Instructions for the application essay:

In approximately 1,000 words, please discuss your motives, background, and interests as they relate to research in education policy and education reform.

## III: GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP PLACEMENT

The program awards every accepted and enrolled student a graduate assistantship (GA) renewable for up to four years. There is no need to file a separate graduate assistantship application. The purpose of the GA is for the student to gain experience in social science research methods by working on major research projects and to receive on the job mentoring by individual faculty. Below is a list of available faculty and a link to their web pages containing a curriculum vitae and a description of their research projects.

To facilitate the placement of enrolled applicants on faculty-directed research teams that fit their interests, please rank-order the faculty below according to your interest in their work. Please put a number between the brackets provided [1 = highest preference and 8 = lowest preference].

- [ ] Robert Costrell      <http://edre.uark.edu/people/faculty/uid/costrell/name/Robert-Costrell/>
- [ ] Albert Cheng        <https://edre.uark.edu/people/faculty/uid/axc070/name/Albert+A.+Cheng/>
- [ ] Robert A. Maranto <http://edre.uark.edu/people/faculty/uid/rmaranto/name/Robert-Maranto/>
- [ ] Joshua B. McGee    <https://edre.uark.edu/people/staff/uid/jbm04/name/Josh+McGee/>
- [ ] Sarah McKenzie     <https://edre.uark.edu/people/faculty/uid/scmcken/name/Sarah+Clark+McKenzie/>
- [ ] Jonathan Wai        <https://edre.uark.edu/people/faculty/uid/jwai/name/Jonathan+Wai/>
- [ ] Patrick Wolf        <http://edre.uark.edu/people/faculty/uid/pwolf/name/Patrick-Wolf/>
- [ ] Gema Zamorro Rodriguez <http://edre.uark.edu/people/faculty/uid/gzamarro/name/Gema-Zamarro+Rodriguez/>

## IV. APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Step 1: File your online application for admission with the University of Arkansas Graduate School

Details at <https://application.uark.edu/>

- A. Arrange to have your GRE score(s) transmitted to the University of Arkansas Graduate School (code 6866)
- B. Arrange with the registrars of all institutions of higher education you have attended to have your transcripts sent directly to the graduate admissions office at the University of Arkansas.
- C. Ask at least two persons thoroughly familiar with your past work to write letters of recommendation on your behalf. They should discuss your interests as they relate to education policy and evaluate how prepared you are for a demanding course of study at the doctoral level in the social sciences. Preferably, the letters should be requested online at <https://application.uark.edu/> during the application process. The authors will upload their letter using a log-in they will receive from the University of Arkansas. If there are technical problems, the letter may instead be mailed by the author directly to Dr. Dirk C. van Raemdonck, Graduate Coordinator, 202 GRAD, Department of Education Reform, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR 72701. **Important:** Effective letters are printed on the letterhead of the author's institution, provide contact information, and are hand signed.

Step 2: Send to the Graduate Coordinator (Dr. Tom Bennett at [tabennet@uark.edu](mailto:tabennet@uark.edu))

- A. Departmental application form
- B. Application essay
- C. Curriculum vitae

International students must satisfy additional requirements. Please inquire with the international admissions office at <https://international-admissions.uark.edu/graduate-studies/index.php> and the Graduate Coordinator.