

**Educational Leadership**  
Doctoral Program      *for teaching  
& learning (Ed.D.)*

**Personal Essay Guidelines**

The purpose of the personal essay is to provide you with an opportunity to reflect on the future of education in the twenty first century. Your essay will let us hear your voice and perspective as well as what values you bring to this course of study.

Your essay should address the following main questions:

- ❖ What is your ideal vision of education in the twenty first century?
- ❖ What is your critique of the current status of education?
- ❖ What are your ideas about the work and responsibilities of educational leaders?

Following are the guidelines for writing your essay:

- ❖ Maximum of four, double-spaced pages
- ❖ 12 point Times New Roman font
- ❖ First personal narrative is preferred
- ❖ Include a cover sheet with your name, contact information, and date

We look forward to learning about your views and perspective and we thank you for your time in creating your personal essay.

Please mail essays to:

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