



Dear Applicant

I just wanted to say how pleased I am that you are joining us on the EdD Bristol programme soon and wanted to keep you updated on what is happening here. As well as studying and attending lectures, we have a busy programme of seminars, conferences and social events that you are encouraged to take part in. We work with some of the leading international scholars in a variety of fields and there is no doubt that in the coming years you will have the opportunity to meet many visiting experts in the field of Education and hear about their work.



You will also be invited to join one or more of our [Research Centres and Networks](#) which provide excellent opportunities to meet with, and collaborate with, other students from different disciplines. Overall you can expect the EdD programme to lead to exciting opportunities and can read the stories of some of our alumni [here](#).



Summer Term is a busy time at the Graduate School of Education (GSoE) – we held the annual doctoral student conference in June and you can see the programme [here](#).

Other similar events are held by the [Bristol Doctoral College](#) (BDC) which provides a focal point for doctoral training activity and researcher development across the University and in collaboration with our partner institutions. Its website is an information hub for all stages of the doctoral progress, including ‘getting here and getting started’.

Introducing the LLP units and tutors

In the May newsletter I introduced myself as EdD Bristol Programme Director and EdD Unit tutor for [Evaluating Educational Quality and Improvement](#) and [Conducting Educational Research](#). Here I introduce two other key members of the teaching team and unit tutors, among several others, who will guide and support you through the programme.

[Prof. Leon Tikly](#)

EdD Unit tutor: [Leading for Educational Change in Organisational Settings](#) and [Comparative Research](#)

“Theory and practice need each other to make a difference in the real world.”

Leon’s research focuses on social justice in education. He has led research projects on education quality in sub-Saharan Africa and raising the achievement of Black and Minority Ethnic learners in England. Leon started his career as a science teacher first in London and Tanzania. As a policy researcher, he helped to formulate education policy in South Africa during the transition from apartheid to democracy.

[Dr. Lisa Lucas](#)

EdD Unit tutor: [Understanding Educational Research](#) and [Global Higher Education](#)

Lisa Lucas joined the Graduate School of Education in October 2002. Her background is in Sociology and she was previously a Research Fellow in the Department of Educational and Professional Development at University College London working on projects relating to Widening Participation initiatives in Higher Education. Her research interest focuses on higher education policy in a global context and in particular, the funding of higher education and the evaluation of the quality of research and teaching. She teaches across a wide range of courses on the MSc Educational Research, MEd programmes and EdD programmes.

Bristol is a stimulating place to study an EdD and learn about education research. We are very proud that in the results of the 2014 Research Excellence Framework confirmed that the Graduate School of Education is one of the top 10 leading UK Centres for high quality and high impact research on education. More importantly, we were ranked 5th in the UK by the Times Higher Education Research Intensity rankings meaning that we have a large number of researchers in the GSoE who are able to provide you with leading edge knowledge and skills as a future researcher and research leader. Moreover, the most recent external examiners report for the EdD programme (June 2017) note “Students commented on how well organised the course was, that teaching was participative and used discussion and that they had been introduced to both new perspectives and to critical thinking....Students also greatly appreciated being involved in the research environment of the School i.e. being invited to and attending research seminars with staff.”

The EdD programme attracts high-achieving, professionally experienced participants who are interested in a wide range of aspects related to teaching, learning, leadership, management, policy and evaluation. You will meet a diverse range of people from a wide range of international and UK contexts. We believe that the diversity of our academic community is a key strength and we encourage you to find out as much as you can about other education cultures and contexts by working with your peers throughout your time of study.



If you have any questions about the programme or would like any support in helping you prepare for your course, please do email me and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

I look forward to meeting you.

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