MA Educational Leadership in Practice

Be the positive change your organisation needs
MA EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP IN PRACTICE

Two intakes
Start studying in September or February

2 years
Part-time MA

Blended Learning
Online course content with face-to-face course conferences, twice a year

Flexible format
Transform your career while you continue working

6th BEST
University in the UK (QS World University Rankings)

27th BEST
University in the world (QS World University Rankings, 2020)

YOUR COURSE DIRECTOR

Dr. Alexander Gardner-McTaggart
Lecturer in Educational Leadership

“At The University of Manchester we believe educators are powerful influencers and have important voices in a rapidly globalising world. It is our intention to empower educational leaders to face tough challenges in globalising educational spaces with compassion and competency.

Balancing rigid external realities with the values of education is more important now than ever. Building capacity and positive teams and sharing in leadership and fostering growth are all part of the privilege of leading in education.

In a world of online connection, it is often difficult to build networks and professional practice that is enduring and authentic. That is why this blended course focuses on developing your professional leadership practice, from and for education. This course has the advantage of being run by leadership specialists who mentor and foster leadership behaviours and skills, as well as developing a rich critical understanding of the field. In this way, this course is truly empowering for leaders who wish to engage at higher levels, whilst running a complex organisation based upon respect and dignity.

The programme offers unique face-to-face course conferences twice a year, where team-building, networking and mentoring happen in real time.”
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Join our two intakes:
- Semester 1: September - February
- Semester 2: February - August
- Semester 3: September - February
- Semester 4: February - August

**YEAR 1**

- **September - February**
  - Course Units: Models of Educational Leadership, Engaging with Educational Leadership Research
  - Face to Face Teaching + Conference: Course Conference for Year 1

- **February - August**
  - Course Units: Educational Leadership as a Social Practice, Education Policy
  - Face to Face Teaching + Conference: Course Conference for Year 1

**YEAR 2**

- **September - February**
  - Course Units: Leading Educational Change and Development, Optional/APL Leading Learning Digital Media and Information Literacy
  - Face to Face Teaching + Conference: Course Conference for Year 2, Opportunity to Network with Year 1

- **February - August**
  - Course Units: Research Skills Suite, Independent Project
  - Face to Face Teaching + Conference: Course Conference for Year 2, Opportunity to Network with Year 1
Our Educational Leadership in Practice (MA) is the only global blended programme that is taught from a critical approach and not a functionalist one. This practice-orientated learning will enable you to be the change your organisation needs.

You can expect to study units covering topics such as:

**WHAT YOU WILL STUDY**

### Models of Educational Leadership
- Explore conceptualising educational leadership practice as adjectival models
- Examine what this means in diverse international contexts
- Examine and evaluate a range of key models

### Engaging With Educational Leadership Research
- What is educational leadership?
- What topics can be researched in education?
- Why should research in education be taken seriously?

### Leading Educational Change and Development
- Examining what is meant by ‘change’
- Counter-productive and productive motivators for and mechanisms for change
- Critical perspective on leading change

### Educational Leadership Policy
- What is policy and how is it ‘done’?
- Policy architecture
- Welfarism, social democracy and neoliberalism as policy architecture

### Educational Leadership as a Social Practice
- Educational leadership practice in a Globalising education system
- Getting and doing the job
- Using research evidence

### Optional Unit/Accreditation of Previous Learning
- Digital Media and Information Literacy
- Leading Learning (International school focus)

**FACE-TO-FACE COURSE CONFERENCES**

You will have the opportunity to attend two course conferences during the year. Each conference is held at The University of Manchester, located in the heart of the beautiful city of Manchester.

During these three-day course conferences you can take advantage of valuable networking opportunities and learn from industry peers, experts and academics. At these course conferences you will undertake practical activities based on your units in small multinational groups. This blended learning approach offers a balance between strategic focus, theoretical foundations and practical applications that will apply directly to your workplace.
Begin your studies in September or February. Take the first steps today and apply online: [www.manchester.ac.uk/elp](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/elp)

**Entry Requirements**

- A good honours degree (minimum 2:1) or the overseas equivalent, in a related area. An initial qualification in teaching, or at least one year’s professional experience in a public or private educational organisation.
- IELTS score of 6.5 overall, with no less than 6.5 in the writing component and no other subsection below 6.0
- TOEFL internet-based score of 90 or more overall, with a minimum writing score of 22 and no other subsection below 20
- CAE or CPE overall score of 176 or above, with 176 in writing and no subsection below 169

**Study part time**

The course is a blended learning programme which is delivered through face-to-face course conferences + interactive online learning with a total of 200 hours of study per unit (approximately 20 hours per week).

**Fees**

Fees can be paid in instalments and we can offer advice for candidates seeking corporate sponsorship. Please contact us for further details.

**Next steps**

Please contact us to find out more and arrange a personal consultation with one of our course advisors.

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**GLOBAL EXPERTS**

You will be studying with international experts and global leaders in the delivery of Educational Leadership with over 22 years’ of teaching and research experience.

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Prof. Helen Gunter
Professor of Education Policy.

"MA Educational Leadership in Practice at The University of Manchester helps you to build your confidence to own your knowledge as a professional and to work with researchers to develop new ways of thinking critically. We respect the need to ensure an organisation is working well, but we go beyond that and enable you to ask questions about the experiences of being a student and teacher in that organisation, and how educational purposes are related to values and power."
GET IN TOUCH

Join us at an event or webinar online

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