Educational Studies Master of Arts: Urban Pedagogy Application Checklist

ELIGIBILITY
This program is for TFA-Detroit corps members who are enrolled in the two-year TFA Interim Certification Program. Application Deadline, September 30th: www.soe.umich.edu/deadlines/.

All application materials, including GRE scores and letters of recommendation, must be received by the application deadline to be considered for admission.

The online application for Urban Pedagogy is available.

SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS ONLINE:
- Online Rackham Graduate Program Application: www.rackham.umich.edu/admissions/apply_now
- The Admissions Code of Conduct
- Application Fee
- $75 for U.S. citizens and permanent residents, $90 for non-U.S. citizens, $10 for current Rackham students.
- Academic Statement of Purpose
- Prompts included on page 3 of this document
- Personal Statement
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- 2 letters of recommendation
- Register your recommenders' names and contact information on the online application so that they will be sent instructions for submitting their letters via the application system. It is also recommended that you let your recommenders know that they need to upload a letter. The prompt that they will get can give the impression that submitting a letter is optional, but it is required by our program.
- As soon as you click "save" on the page of the application where your recommenders' contact information is entered, they will receive an email with instructions for completing the process. We recommend, therefore, that you proceed to this point as soon as possible to trigger that email.
- Letters of recommendation should address topics such as your capacity to do graduate-level coursework, your devotion and commitment to the profession, pursuit of academic interests related to the profession, and your ability to contribute to a graduate academic learning community.
- Unofficial transcript- Please attach an unofficial transcript to your application for review purposes. You will also be required to submit your official transcript to Rackham (noted below).
- GRE Test Scores (valid 5 years from test date)
  Provide ETS with the U-M Institutional Code of 1839 and your scores will be sent directly to the university.
- TOEFL, MELAB, ECPE, or IELTS scores (for non-native speakers of English only) (valid 2 years from test date)

SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS TO RACKHAM GRADUATE SCHOOL:
- 1 official copy of all degree-confferred transcripts sent to:
  Rackham Graduate School
  Attn: Transcripts/U-M ID# (if known) or Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy)
  915 E Washington Street
  Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1070

Instructions for submitting required academic credentials from non-U.S. institutions:
www.rackham.umich.edu/help/admissions/transcripts/required_academic_credentials_from_non_us_institutions/.

Instructions for submitting official transcripts electronically (E-Transcripts):
www.rackham.umich.edu/prospective-students/admissions/transcripts
For questions regarding the master's program application:

Betsy Dodge  
Admissions and Graduate Records Coordinator  
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For questions regarding tuition, scholarships, financial aid, & residency:

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Student Affairs Program Manager  
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For general questions about the master's program:

Kendra Hearn  
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ADDITIONAL WEBSITE REFERENCES

School of Education:  
www.soe.umich.edu

Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies:  
www.rackham.umich.edu

Office of Financial Aid:  
www.finaid.umich.edu/
Academic Statement of Purpose:

The Academic Statement of Purpose serves to demonstrate a fit between your background/interests and the Educational Studies MA: Urban Pedagogy program. The Statement should take the form of a concise and coherent essay, approximately 2-3 pages in length, and double spaced. Please be sure to address the following questions in your Statement:

1) What is the primary problem or issue that motivated you to pursue advanced studies in education?
2) What are your hunches about why that problem or issue exists?
3) What are some ways that completing the MA in Urban Pedagogy might help you address that problem or issue?
4) What do you ultimately hope to do with the experience and knowledge you will gain from your participation in the MA in Urban Pedagogy?

Personal Statement (500 word limit)

How have your background and life experiences, including cultural, geographical, financial, educational or other opportunities or challenges, motivated your decision to pursue a graduate degree at the University of Michigan?

For example, if you grew up in a community where educational, cultural, or other opportunities were either especially plentiful or especially lacking, you might discuss the impact this had on your development and interests. This should be a discussion of the journey that has led to your decision to seek a graduate degree.

Please do not repeat your Academic Statement of Purpose.

The following information is required on the header of your Personal Statement:

- Write "Personal Statement" at the top of your document
- Your name
- The name of the graduate program
- Your 8 digit U-M ID (if known)

Make sure your margins are set up at one-inch and that any inserted tables fit within those margins to avoid pages being added or removed in your original document(s). Please preview your files after they have been uploaded. You can also convert your documents to PDF format before uploading.