

NU GRADUATE *SCHOOL OF* EDUCATION



Changing educational thinking,
policy and practice at all levels

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SCHOOL OVERVIEW

The Graduate School of Education (GSE) at Nazarbayev University aspires to become an influential, world-class graduate school of education, effecting change in educational thinking, policy and practice at all levels of education through scholarly research, quality teaching and persuasive argument. Through its research, teaching and scholarship, the GSE is committed to working to improve education for all, sustaining a vision of education which enables individuals to maximize their own potential, free from the constraints of poverty and background, within a context of mutual understanding and global interdependence.

THE GSE AT NAZARBAYEV UNIVERSITY SHALL:

engage in educational research, teaching and scholarship at the highest international standard,

mediate such research, teaching, and scholarship, locating it within broader contemporary frameworks, and

enhance capacity-building in educational research, teaching and scholarship.

In working towards these aims, the GSE seeks to:

create and maintain a collaborative and cooperative ethos,

work with other Schools within Nazarbayev University in various interdisciplinary contexts and efforts, and

pursue strategic initiatives to improve initial and continuing teacher education



**KAMILA
ROLLAN**

Graduate of MSc in
Educational Leadership:
Inclusive Education

OUR STUDENTS

Graduate of MSc in Inclusive Education program NUGSE is a welcoming and vibrant community, where each student can develop and achieve with the support of experienced international staff, approachable administration, and great resource base available at the library. My experience here was nothing but fruitful and enjoyable. What I especially appreciate is that GSE is a great place to form professional connections with major stakeholders in the field of Education. The representatives of the Ministry of Education, the Information Analytical Center, international organizations such as UNDP and UNICEF, local NGOs, and prominent scholars from international universities are often invited as guest speakers to NUGSE. It is, therefore, a unique platform to network.

COMPLETE LIST OF DEGREES

PHD IN EDUCATION

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM:

School Education track;

Higher Education track;

Inclusive Education track.

MASTER OF ARTS IN MULTILINGUAL EDUCATION

The Graduate School of Education has been awarded the Quality Assurance Agency's (QAA) International Programme Accreditation (IPA), recognizing the quality of its academic programmes against international standards.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Campus:

Astana, Kazakhstan

Intake:

August

Language of instruction:

English

ADMISSION CRITERIA

Minimum general requirements:

01. Minimum general requirements
02. Bachelor's or equivalent
03. Master's or equivalent (for PhD applicants)
04. High level of English proficiency
05. CV;
06. Personal statement
07. Work experience
08. Two confidential letters of recommendation (for PhD applicants – three)
09. Research proposal (for PhD applicants)
10. GRE test (recommended)

WHY NU?

01. World-class faculty
02. Research university
03. Modern campus with strong
04. infrastructure and facilities

KEY
FACTS

Faculty: 26 members come from 17 countries

STUDENTS PROFILE

Graduate Programs
212 total number of PhD and Master's students in 2026-2027 academic year

MSc &MA programs
age range 21-62 years
average ielts score 7.0
average work experience 3.7 years

PhD programme
54 total PhD students in the 2026-2027 academic year
Age range 24-62 years
Average ielts score 7.5
Average work experience 8.3 years

Foreign languages: two foreign languages, Translation studies, Geography, Business administration, Anthropology, Biology, Philology, Mathematics, Robotics and Mechatronics, Biotechnology, Economics, Computer Science and Software Engineering, Information Technologies, Finance, Management, Telecommunications, Social Work, Chemistry

World-class faculty
Research university
Modern campus with strong infrastructure and facilities
International residency
Access to global digital libraries
Scholarships and discounts

FEES, FINANCING
AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Applicants can be enrolled on the basis of

- 01. State grant
- 02. Abay Kunanbayev grant for foreign students
- 03. Scholarships from 20% to 90%
- 04. Fee-paying basis

25 scholarships are awarded each year in average.

ABOUT NU

13 900
alumni (2015–2025)

8 200+
publications in collaboration
with partner universities

270+
laboratories

8 000+
students in the 2025/26
academic year

founded in
2010

THE World University Rankings:
Ranks among the top 376–400 of
research universities worldwide.

#1 in Central Asia,
CIS and the Caucasus

TOP 17%
— ranking indicator

Students from
40
countries

70%
of faculty are international with
degrees from top universities

International Accreditation:
QAA, AMBA, European
University Association, World
Federation for Medical
Education (WFME), Joint
Commission International
(JCI)

On-campus housing from
18 000
tenge/month

Faculty and staff from
62
countries

94-hectare
campus — shops, cinema,
sports, residences, 24/7
security

98%
are working or continuing
their studies



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