

Dear Permian Basin Region Educational Leader,

I am pleased to let you know that Educational Leadership Doctoral Program at The University of Texas at San Antonio, housed in the Department of Educational Leadership & Policy Studies (ELPS) and the College of Education & Human Development at UTSA, is moving closer to receiving approval to be delivered as a cooperative doctoral program with our colleagues at The University of Texas at the Permian Basin. We have received a favorable recommendation from the Distance Education Advisory Committee of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board that the Commissioner of Higher Education forward the program for the Board's approval in July 2009. So, we have one more hurdle to jump, but anticipate that the program will be officially approved for delivery in July 2009.

Accordingly, plans are underway to begin program delivery in spring 2010, pending full approval of the Coordinating Board and the admission of 12 qualified applicants to the doctoral program. In addition, the online application system is now open to receive applications for the spring 2010 semester. The link to the "Embark" system is found at: <https://apply.embark.com/grad/utsa/35/>, and the deadline for receipt of all application materials by the UTSA Graduate School is October 1, 2009.

For your information, the application materials consist of the following:

1. The completed application (again, the link to Embark is found at <https://apply.embark.com/grad/utsa/35/>)
2. Official transcripts of all post secondary work;
3. Official verbal, quantitative, and analytical writing GRE scores that are less than five years old;
4. TOEFL scores if your Native Language is not English;
5. An application fee of \$45.00 made payable to UTSA;
6. Three letters of recommendation from those who have supervised you in an academic, employment, or community service capacity; please make sure that your recommenders know that these letters should comment on your intellectual ability, discipline, creativity, sensitivity to others, and cite examples of leadership and scholarly potential; at least one letter should come from a university professor familiar with the your academic work;
7. A statement of purpose outlining, at a minimum, (1) your reasons for pursuing a doctorate in educational leadership, (2) a biographical sketch of your experiences relevant to the field of education, (3) career plans, (4) scholarly interests, and (5) views on and roles in current and future educational reform efforts; and
8. A resume that describes your employment history, educational background, courses taught, community service, honors and awards, consultantships, membership in professional organizations, and leadership experience.

Thanks very much and we look forward to receiving your application!

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