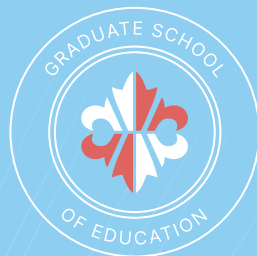


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Welcome to the Graduate School of Education at Nazarbayev University - a place where future leaders, change agents, and educational reformers are developed. At GSE, you will join a vibrant international community driven by innovation, research, and a shared commitment to shaping the future of learning for generations to come. Our graduates are not only academics and researchers, but also school leaders, policy-makers, and professionals working in think tanks, task forces, ministries, and global organizations.

What makes us unique is the blend of world-class programs designed with top global universities, research that addresses real challenges in education, and an inspiring environment where ideas turn into actions having wider impact.

If you aspire to change education, influence policy, and lead transformative changes on a national and global scale - GSE is the place for you to begin your journey and realize your dreams.

**Dr. Aida
Sagintayeva**

Why Choose GSE?

World-Class Programs

Master's and PhD degrees designed with global academic partners (University of Cambridge & University of Pennsylvania).

International Recognition

Ranked 176–200 in THE World University Rankings 2025 in “Education.”

Global Faculty

Learn from professors and researchers engaged in cutting-edge educational studies.

High Impact

Graduates go on to shape education policy, lead schools and universities, and contribute to international research.

Research Opportunities

Contribute to projects that shape policy and practice in Kazakhstan and beyond.

Strong Partnerships

Collaborations with the University of Pennsylvania and leading institutions worldwide.





Master's Programs

/ **M.Sc. in Educational Leadership**
(2 years, 97 ECTS, low-residency,
in English)

/ **M.A. in Multilingual Education**
(2 years, 120 ECTS, full-time, in English)

Doctoral Program

/ **Ph.D. in Education**
(4 years, full-time, in English, includes
international research placements)



Career opportunities

98% of NU GSE

graduates are employed or continue their studies within one year after graduation.



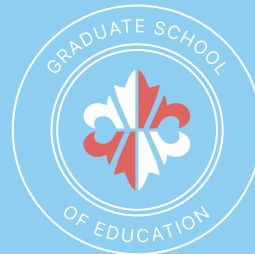
Graduates of the Graduate School of Education are shaping the future of education in Kazakhstan and beyond.

They build successful careers as leaders, university faculty and researchers, school principals, policy advisors, curriculum developers, and experts in multilingual and inclusive education.

Our alumni make an impact across the entire education sector - from public and private schools to leading universities, from analytical and research centers to international organizations and government bodies. They influence policy, drive innovation, and contribute to educational transformation at both national and global levels.

Where Our Alumni Work:

Ministry of Education of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Nazarbayev Intellectual Schools, public and private schools, analytical and research centers, UNICEF, UNESCO, OECD, as well as universities in Europe, Asia, and North America.



Dana Abdrasheva

MSc in Educational Leadership, 2014

While working as Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs at Korkyt Ata University, I often reflect on my experience of studying at Nazarbayev University. The courses on internationalization and leadership continue to help me in making strategic decisions, while the courses on research methods and academic English support me in developing programs for master's students. It was truly a transformative experience.



Peter Shon

PhD in Education, 2016

As an international student from the United States with experience in both higher education and the K-12 sector, I was drawn to the opportunity of pursuing graduate studies in education with a strong commitment to research and community impact.

Over time, it has been especially meaningful for me to witness the progress, recognition, and achievements of my alma mater. Even more important has been my own participation in this process - not only as a student, but also as a member of the accreditation team, directly involved in ensuring quality, academic rigor, and international recognition





12,000+

alumni
(2015–2025)

98%

are working or
continuing their
studies

15

years —
founded in 2010

70%

of faculty are international
with degrees from top
universities

8000+

students in the 2025/26
academic year

Students from
34+ countries.

Faculty and staff
from **62 countries.**

250+

laboratories

6300+

publications

114

patents

/ **94,5% of students**
are provided with
on-campus housing

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

/ **Accommodation**
from 18,000 tenge/
month

Rankings:

THE World University
Rankings:

401+

Ranks among the top

18–23%

of research universities
worldwide

#1

in Central Asia
and the Caucasus

Accreditation

Nazarbayev University has been awarded institutional accreditation following a rigorous International Quality Review (IQR) conducted by the UK Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA).

The Graduate School of Education is progressing towards applying for the International Programme Accreditation (IPA) by the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA).



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