The Department of Educational Leadership Studies at the University of Kentucky is the premier provider of educational leadership preparation in Kentucky and a globally recognized provider of research, teaching, and service in educational leadership. A founding member of the prestigious University Council for Educational Administration, we are the home of some of the finest scholars, research centers, and academic programs in the world. As a flagship research university, we have prepared the educational leaders that built and improved education in Kentucky since 1923. We continue that tradition today.

Our diverse preparation programs are designed to meet your unique leadership needs—whether you work in a classroom, school, district, college, educational organization, or state agency. Our programs are delivered through distance-learning formats to meet the needs of working practitioners and specifically geared to prepare leaders who can implement lasting change wherever they work. The programs of the Department of Educational Leadership Studies will prepare you to prepare our children and our collective future. We hope you will join us.

I felt well prepared to take on this job even though I am challenged each day with new problem solving. Thank you for all that the Department of Educational Leadership Studies and the University of Kentucky do for future leaders.

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RESEARCH FOCUS
We are researchers who want to pass on the desire and ability to create new knowledge to our students. Our professors author books, write peer-reviewed articles, develop policy reports and present their work at the world’s top conferences on educational leadership. Our students are supported in conducting research projects which generate knowledge that can be used to improve policy and practice in their own work settings. We focus on research because it provides evidence upon which to promote innovation in schools and other settings.

INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT
A unique feature of all programs is the international opportunities for learning and scholarship. As a founding member of the International Symposium on Educational Reform, UK students can participate in a tight-knit community of educational leaders and researchers from Europe, Africa and Asia. Our contacts around the globe allow students unique international opportunities, such as our study abroad program in London.

DISTINGUISHED HISTORY
Since 1923 the UK Department of Educational Leadership Studies has prepared leaders and change agents for Kentucky schools. We awarded our first doctoral degree in 1938. One of the earliest such departments in the United States and among first to adopt distance-learning formats, UK is unique for its long, exclusive focus on the needs of educational leaders. Today that focus continues in our academic programs, research endeavors, and service to the community as we celebrate our 90th year of continuous operations.

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