

Graduate School of Education

I . Introduction to Disciplines and Main Research Fields

Educational science, as a branch of social sciences, is a study of the phenomena and issues in the field of education. Graduate programs at the Graduate School of Education (GSE, formerly known as the Institute of Higher Education) expand from research focus on world-class universities in the last thirty years. GSE established an MA program in Higher Education in 1998, a Ph.D. program in Public Administration in 2003, and the current MA program in Educational Science was approved in 2010. The master program has two sub-fields in higher education and comparative education, with concentrations on world-class universities, higher education administration, graduate education, college teaching and learning, engineering education, and science and technology policy.

Public administration is the study of organization and processes in public administration. The Ph. D. Program in public administration has two sub-fields in economics and administration of education and science and technology policy, and concentrations in world-class universities, modern university systems, graduate education, college pedagogy, and quantitative science and technology policies. The first Ph.D. cohort entered in 2004, and the first postdoctoral staff was recruited in 2009. Our Ph.D. programs featured quantitative and empirical research methods, research-based consultation, and internationalization.

II . Faculty

Up to December 2014, GSE has 25 staff in total, including 13 faculty members, two staff members, and ten project research associates. Most of the faculty members have doctoral degrees and overseas experience. One professor enjoys the State Council special allowances, three claim the title of “New Century Talent” awarded by the Ministry of Education, and five were included in the “Pujiang Talent Program” of Shanghai. The faculty team at GSE is young, international, and energetic.

No.	Name	Research Field
1	Niancai LIU	World-class universities and research universities, University evaluation and ranking, Research evaluation and science policy, Strategic planning of universities
2	Shaoxue LIU	Graduate education, History of higher education in China, Undergraduate education, Engineering education
3	Wenhua ZHAO	Policy of science & technology, System of modern universities
4	Jie YANG	Graduate education, Curriculum of higher education
5	Ying CHENG	Benchmarking, Evaluation and ranking of universities, Applied scientometrics and bibliometrics
6	Kai YU	China higher education, Graduate education, Higher education management
7	Junwen ZHU	Evaluate development and policy of science & technology
8	Li LIU	Higher education policy, Social science policy
9	Jian LIU	Comparative education, Student access, Learning and development, Equity and diversity
10	Zhuolin FENG	World-class university research, Higher education organization and leadership, Higher education policy
11	Yuhao CEN	Student development, College impact, Educational inquiry, Comparative higher education
12	Jiani ZHU	Academic adjustment of overseas Chinese students and scholars, Higher education in Germany
13	Jiabin ZHU	Engineering education, Graduate education, Student ' s cognitive development
14	Xi YANG	Economics of education, Higher education finance, Scientific human capital
15	Yan WU	World-class universities, Institutional research

III. Academic achievements

Between 2011 and 2014, GSE won 19 research grants from the central government, the Ministry of Education, and Shanghai, and completed 29 external funded research projects. The annual research grant at GSE exceeded one million RMB, over 200,000 RMB per person. Academic publications also increased over the years. GSE published a series of monographs on world-class university and graduate education, with a total of 30 books. In 2014, GSE faculty and students published over 50 papers in academic journals in Chinese or English.

In 2011, GSE won two awards in the National Excellent Studies in Higher Education,

including one second-prize and one third-prize. In 2012, the project “China’s Future and Innovation: 2011” led by Professor Liu Nian-cai won the second prize in Shanghai Philosophy and Social Science Excellent Award. In 2014, two research projects received Shanghai Philosophy and Social Science Excellence Awards.

IV. International Collaboration

Internationalization is one of the strategies of GSE, and the level of internationalization is at the top in mainland China. An increasing number of graduate students have participated in academic exchanges abroad. Our students studied abroad or pursued further study in world-class universities including University of Washington, University of Virginia, University of California-Davis, Boston College, University of Edinburgh, and University College London. In 2014, over 20 international scholars visited GSE and gave academic talks. More than ten graduate students travelled abroad and presented their work at international conferences, fully or partially funded by the school. Our students also have opportunities to participate and volunteer in international conferences held by GESE, and expanded their global perspective.