

# Visionary Leadership for a Changing World

## The UC Davis CANDEL Ed.D. Program



Now more than ever, in our classrooms and our communities, we need bold, transformative leadership—driven by administrators and educators with the vision to imagine a more equitable future and the expertise to set this bright future in motion.

This is the ideal that guides the Capital Area North Doctorate in Educational Leadership (CANDEL) program at UC Davis. CANDEL prepares exemplary leaders across the educational spectrum—from pre-K-12 schools to colleges, universities, and state and local educational agencies—who are ready to accomplish lasting systemic change across Northern California’s diverse educational communities.

From broadening the paths of opportunity for young students exploring STEM fields, to creating community college mentorship programs that connect first-generation students and faculty, CANDEL alumni are reimagining education for the benefit of every learner.

With your support, the School of Education will expand opportunities for the CANDEL program—enacting transformative leadership and impacting students in California and beyond. **Together, we can create a brighter educational ecosystem where every student is empowered to succeed.**

## Greater Together

We invite you to partner with the School of Education in igniting a bold vision for the future.

By supporting CANDEL scholar-practitioners pursuing doctorates, you invest in the future of education itself—preparing the change agents who are leading the way toward a richer educational future for all students.

**Name a scholarship endowment or memorial scholarship.** Creating a culture of endowment giving is a priority goal for the School of Education—helping to ensure the financial stability needed to support future educational leaders for generations to come

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Designed to allow education leaders to continue working while deepening their knowledge and expertise in the field, CANDEL combines a rigorous, problem-based curriculum with a strong emphasis on confronting educational inequities.

CANDEL students and graduates include

superintendents, deans, principals, teachers, vice chancellors and policymakers. They are part of a cohort system that fosters open dialogue, builds lifelong networks, and provides leadership and insight across California and the nation.

Philanthropic support makes all the difference in amplifying this impact—preparing even more of our region’s exceptional leaders to transform the educational ecosystem for the benefit of every student.



*“I was in Cohort 1 of the CANDEL Ed.D. program, and today members of that cohort are leaders in the California Community Colleges, the California Department of Education, the State Board of Education, the K-12 system—pick any point on the continuum, and we’re involved at multiple levels. We’re at the epicenter of change in Sacramento.”*

- Ed Manansala, Ed.D. '11

County Superintendent of Schools, El Dorado County  
President, California County Superintendents Educational Services Association  
Advisory Board Member, UC Davis School of Education

## The UC Davis School of Education: Ensuring a bright future for every learner

- California’s go-to source for K-16 policy guidance
- Top 15% of 259 U.S. graduate schools of education
- 8,200+ alumni in all 50 states and more than 20 countries worldwide

## The CANDEL program: Preparing transformative leaders for a changing world

- Program reach extends from the Central Valley to the northernmost parts of California, and to urban and rural communities
- Small, cohort-based classes and one-on-one faculty mentorship foster lasting networks of support
- Curriculum focuses on transforming policy into practice, addressing real-world problems and advancing educational equity
- Program provides flexibility and support for educational leaders to continue working while deepening their knowledge and experience