



Headquartered at Michigan State University College of Education
Quality Leadership Matters



Who We Are

The University Council for Educational Administration (UCEA) is a consortium of over 100 higher education research and teaching intensive-institutions committed to high-quality preparation and professional development of principals, superintendents, and other K–12 leaders. We work with educational leadership preparation programs and faculty across the country to ensure that aspiring and current school leaders are prepared to lead schools and districts that foster student success, equity, and continuous improvement.

We focus on advancing rigorous, practice-based leadership preparation programs that align research, policy, and local school contexts. We support faculty and program leaders through research development, professional learning, program design, curriculum alignment, and continuous improvement strategies that reflect the evolving demands of K–12 education.

We serve as a resource and connector for higher education leadership preparation programs by strengthening faculty capacity and promoting collaborative networks that positively impact schools, districts, and the students they serve.

UCEA fulfills its mission by

- **Research:** Promoting, sponsoring, and disseminating research on the essential problems of schooling and leadership practice
- **Preparation:** Improving the preparation and professional development of educational leaders and professors
- **Policy:** Positively influencing local, state, and national educational policy.

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Why Should My Program Join UCEA?

As a member, your program will be joining a growing and respected consortium of over 100 institutions with a shared commitment to improving education leadership practice, preparation, and policy.

By joining UCEA, your program will

- **Strengthen Your Institution:** Gain access to a national network of leading scholars, faculty, and practitioners advancing excellence in educational leadership and administration.
- **Amplify Your Voice:** Contribute your institution's expertise alongside peers to shape research, policy, and practice, collectively expanding the field's knowledge base.
- **Advance Collective Impact:** Apply your knowledge and skills through meaningful collaboration that supports effective leadership preparation and promotes positive outcomes for all students.



Benefits of Membership

- **Graduate Student Development:** Signature learning experiences through the Graduate Student Summit, Jackson Scholars Program, and Clark Scholars Program
- **Publications & Resources:** Free access to UCEA journals, including *Educational Administration Quarterly*, *Journal of Cases in Educational Leadership*, *Journal of Research on Leadership Education*, and the *UCEA Review*, plus sponsored books, webinars, and a podcast
- **Professional Learning & Events:** Reduced fees and early notice for the UCEA Annual Convention, seminars, and workshops
- **Awards & Recognition:** National recognition for lifetime achievement, early-career excellence, scholarship, mentorship, and impactful practice
- **Collaboration & Research Networks:** Engagement with a national network of leading universities advancing research and program innovation in educational leadership
- **Leadership Opportunities:** Service and leadership roles that support policy, practice, and leadership preparation, with targeted development for early-career faculty

- **Program Improvement Resources**
The Leadership Education and Administration Preparation Program (LEAPP) survey is aligned with NELP standards and provides PK–12 leadership programs with actionable data to track student progress, support program improvement, and meet CAEP accreditation needs. Participating institutions receive reports on NELP alignment, student outcomes, and opportunities to inform survey design.

Who Is Eligible for Membership?

Applying institutions must offer a master’s or doctoral program in educational leadership/administration and have leadership preparation as their main area of research, teaching, and service. Institutions seeking full (rather than associate) membership must meet UCEA’s criteria for program quality as determined through a peer-review process, including a detailed self-study and site visit.

How Much Does it Cost?

Annual dues for full membership are \$2,500. Associate membership is \$2,000. Partner memberships are also available. See the UCEA website for more information: www.ucea.org



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