EXTENSION EDUCATION (AEED)

Graduate Degree Program
College: Agriculture and Natural Resources

ABSTRACT

The Master of Extension Education features a multidisciplinary program with core courses focused on the extension principles shaping needs assessment, program development, evaluation, nonformal education, and social science research methodology as well as a suite of supportive elective courses in a variety of extension specialty areas. Graduates with Extension education experiences are prepared for dynamic careers in secondary and post-secondary education, non-profits, government, and leadership roles in enterprise.

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ADMISSIONS

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Statement of Purpose/Essay
- Transcript(s)
- TOEFL/IELTS/PTE (international graduate students (https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/english-language-proficiency-requirements/))

PROGRAM-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

- Letters of Recommendation (3)
- CV/Resume
- Supplementary Application (https://gradschool.umd.edu/sites/gradschool.umd.edu/files/uploads/admissionsforms/umdsupplementaryapplicationoneaeed.pdf) - Intended Coursework
- Supplementary Application Two (https://gradschool.umd.edu/sites/gradschool.umd.edu/files/uploads/admissionsforms/umdsupplmentallyapplicationtwoaeed.pdf) - Non-formal Education Essay
- Writing Samples (2 required): Please submit a sample of your professional writing. Note if it was published and where (some examples include: Extensions fact sheet, journal article, practitioner article, popular media/newspaper [educational focus], grower's newsletter, etc.). Also note your role/position as an author (e.g., first author, etc.).
- Description of Research/Work Experience (optional): This is an opportunity to further describe your previous research/work (in addition to items listed in your statement of purpose).
- All applicants are requested to respond to at least one of the prompts below as an additional component:
  - Community involvement and/or service
  - Engagement in leadership roles, facilitating change, and/or mentoring
  - Overcoming social, economic, educational, or physical barriers

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Type of Applicant	Fall Deadline	Spring Deadline	Summer Deadline
Domestic Applicants			
US Citizens and Permanent Residents	August 6, 2027	January 8, 2027	N/A
International Applicants			
F (student) or J (exchange visitor) visas,E,G,H,I and L visas and immigrants	March 5, 2027	September 18, 2026	N/A

RESOURCES AND LINKS:

Program Website: https://psla.umd.edu/degrees/master-extension-education/
Application Process: https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions (https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/)

REQUIREMENTS

- Extension Education, Master of Extension Education (M.Ext.Ed.) (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/extension-education-aeed/extension-education-mexted/)