The PhD program in innovation in global development provides development professionals, and those aspiring to be, the expertise to make an impact on issues facing humanity all over the world. The program takes an expansive view of development theories, policies and practices, using traditional and emerging models, to encourage transformative change.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: PHD Innovation in Global Development

The PhD program in innovation in global development emphasizes critical and diverse perspectives on global development, and innovative policies and practices that challenge the status quo. This program is both rigorous and flexible, designed to meet the needs of a diverse set of students committed to a vision of development that values context, inclusivity and equity, and is socially, culturally and ecologically sensitive. Students will emerge from this program equipped with the leadership skills, critical thinking skills, knowledge and global perspective required to navigate complex development challenges in a way that reduces inequalities and builds a more sustainable and inclusive future.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** School for the Future of Innovation in Society
- **Location:** Tempe campus

Degree Requirements

84 credit hours, a written comprehensive exam, an oral comprehensive exam, a prospectus and a dissertation

**Required Core (17 credit hours)**

**Electives or Research (25 credit hours)**
Culminating Experience (12 credit hours)

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the School for the Future of Innovation in Society.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree in anthropology, natural resource management, agriculture development, political science, development studies, economics, development management, rural development, technology and development, sociology, science and technology or a related field from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of a student's first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

Applicants are required to submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. GRE scores
4. letter of intent or written statement
5. professional resume
6. three letters of recommendation
7. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information
An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency.

Application Deadlines

Fall

Spring

Contact Information