



The 10th BNU-QUT-UCalgary Annual Doctoral Forum

October 27-31, 2025

Beijing Normal University (BNU)

The Faculty of Education at Beijing Normal University, in formal partnership with the Faculty of Creative Industries, Education and social Justice at Queensland University of Technology and the Werklund School of Education at the University of Calgary, aims to foster research collaboration among doctoral students and faculty across the three institutions. This collaborative initiative features an annual joint doctoral forum, hosted by each partner university on an alternating basis. Participating doctoral students will engage in collaborative, interdisciplinary, and scholarly writing activities. Forum activities typically include:

- 1) academic forums and workshops,
- 2) collaborative student presentations, and
- 3) cultural exchange events.

This year, the Doctoral Forum will be hosted by Faculty of Education at Beijing Normal University, with a focus on collaborative discussion, reading, and writing.

Theme: Promoting Educational Equity in the Precarious Global World

Educational equity is the eternal theme and ultimate ideal in the discipline of education. According to James Coleman, equal educational opportunity means that, all members of society, regardless of differences in race, ethnicity, gender, religious belief, economic status, or political standing, are entitled to equal access to education. The definition provided by Coleman refers in a nation-state, while the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG 4) is a global call to action that seeks to “ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.” SDG 4, quality education, represents a universal commitment to improving education worldwide, with a focus on eliminating barriers to education, addressing inequalities, and improving the quality of learning. It’s particular important to discuss educational



equity in the current precarious global world when the anti-globalization trends are rising and the traditional “center-periphery” power structure is undergoing accelerated changes. This Forum is designed to welcome all educational equity related topics, which may includes gender, race, ethnicity, rural-urban, mobility and (im)migration. Ph.D. Students are welcome to bring their own experience, and using innovative research methodology to conduct collaborative study.

Forum Structure

Participation in the Doctoral Forum comprises three phases:

- Pre-Forum (July & September, 2025): Academic and cultural orientation sessions via online interactions (Zoom) between participants and faculty mentors from BNU, QUT, and UCalgary.
- On-Site Forum (October 27-31, 2025, Beijing, China): Full-day engagement from Monday to Friday, requiring participants’ presence for the entire week.
- Post-Forum (November 2025-June 2026): Scholarly writing and knowledge mobilization activities, conducted collaboratively with peers from the three partner institutions.