

## **Advice to Masters Applicants to the Harvard Graduate School of Education**

Thank you very much for your interest in HSGE for graduate work. Our students are the heart of our institution and building a thoughtful, respectful, and engaged learning community is the core of our work. I am delighted you are considering applying to our Masters in Education programs and encourage you to follow through with this interest.

I do not meet or correspond with prospective students during the admissions process. I receive too many requests during the admissions process than I can respond to in useful and substantive ways. I feel that it is important to dedicate my time to current students – and I assure you that if you become one of my students, I will make the time to support you completely.

As you think about whether a Masters degree from HGSE is the right next step for you, I encourage you to learn more about the work of other faculty. You can read more about my work and interests on [my website](#) and [faculty page](#). Important is that I do not expect my students to “do what I do.” I most appreciate working with students who push my thinking and open me to new ideas. I also encourage you to learn more about the work of current and former students. For example, my former Masters advisees have taken jobs as education lead for the emergency response team for the International Rescue Committee (IRC), as education program manager in conflict-affected Nigeria for Creative Associates, refugee resettlement officer for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, education specialist with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugee, education officer with UNICEF, and program coordinator with the Inter-Agency Network for Education in Emergencies; six are also pursuing doctorates in various fields. I encourage you to take a look at the breadth of work that my current doctoral students are doing on the Mowana Lab page of my website.

I hope this is helpful. Best of wishes in the application process and in finding the right fit for the next stages of your career.

Warmly,  
Sarah