Greetings!

Welcome to the CIDE Collaborative Program. We are in for an exciting year with an intake of 50 new CIDE students and a total enrollment of 180 in our collaborative program for 2014-2015. We’re looking forward to meeting you and introducing you to our active and dynamic group of researchers and practitioners in the field of comparative education.

This orientation package is intended to provide you with important information about course requirements, orientation activities, the CIDE fall seminar series, and the activities of the CIDE student association. Please review the enclosed information and visit our website (www.oise.utoronto.ca/cidec) where you will find profiles of students and faculty, program requirements, course listings and course syllabi, examples of frequently asked questions, recent newsletters and the CIDEC annual report.

A question often raised by students concerns the two acronyms CIDEC and CIDE:

- CIDEC stands for the Comparative, International and Development Education Centre. CIDEC is located on the 7th Floor of the OISE/UT building, office 7-107. The main work of the Centre is to support the international research and development activities of CIDE faculty and students, through hosting research workshops and seminars, assisting in the management of research grants, and producing high-quality reports and research publications.

- CIDE refers to the graduate collaborative program in Comparative, International and Development Education at OISE/UT of which you are now a member.

Historically, CIDEC (the Centre) and CIDE (the Collaborative program) have had separately appointed faculty who share responsibility as Director of the Centre and Co-director of the CIDE program. Currently, Professor Stephen Anderson has sole responsibility for the Centre and for the Program. CIDEC has a part-time administrator, Joanne Bacon, who can respond to your questions at cidec.oise@utoronto.ca.

Academic program advising for the CIDE Collaborative Program is the responsibility of CIDE faculty in the home programs of each participating department to the collaborative program (LHAE, SJE & CTL). A list of CIDE faculty is provided in this package. Please make sure to contact them first when you have an academic question. The CIDEC administrator (Rm 7-107) and the director are also available to assist you. See office door (Rm 7-107) or listserv announcements for weekly office hours. Dr. Caroline (Carly) Manion is also available for student support in addition to her teaching duties in room 7-190 (Fall 2014 Mondays from 1-3 pm; Winter 2015 Tuesdays 1-3 pm) or by appointment at carly.manion@utoronto.ca.

CIDE orientation events planned for this year will start with a Meet and Greet and Q&A CIDE students, CIDE faculty and co-directors on Monday, September 15th from 4-5:00 pm and culminate in a CIDESA welcome potluck on Friday, September 26th from 6-8:30 pm both in the Peace Lounge on the 7th floor. Please be certain to join us at both of these events to meet faculty and students and learn more about the CIDE community. We would also recommend you
take advantage of the library and computer centre tours and the orientations planned by your home department.

**Program and course requirements** for the CIDE program are listed on the website and included in this package. Faculty members in each of our three participating departments (CTL, SJE and LHA) are available to advise and supervise CIDE students. CIDE students are subject to departmental rules and requirements of their home unit. Thus academic questions aside from CIDE program requirements are best answered by the departmental Graduate Liaisons or the Registrar’s Office.

Please note that CIE 1001 is a mandatory course which students should take in the first or second term of their degree. This year the Introduction to Comparative, International and Development Education (CIE 1001) is being offered on Monday evenings in the fall and in the winter term. There are limited spaces in this course so please enroll as soon as possible.

You should also remember that in order to graduate from CIDE you must complete the following program requirements *(in addition to the requirements in your home program)*:

- CIE 1001 course: Introduction to Comparative and International Education
- One additional CIDE core course.
- Two additional core or elective CIDE courses.
- Attend CIDE seminars/workshops - a minimum of five sessions (one of these may be ‘virtual’ attendance – see guidelines). Students are responsible for keeping a record of their participation (date, title, speaker name(s)). See Graduation Form.
- M.A. and PhD students are required to present their research to the CIDE community at least once during their program (M.Ed. students may also opt to do so).
- M.A. and PhD students are required to have a comparative, international or development focus in their thesis or dissertation work.
- You must submit a CIDE Graduation form prior to the end of your program that documents that you have met these requirements. A copy of the graduation form is included in this package and is also posted on the CIDE website [http://www.oise.utoronto.ca/cidec/Students/Forms.html](http://www.oise.utoronto.ca/cidec/Students/Forms.html).

In order to receive regular contact from CIDE, please register for our email listserv using your preferred email address. The CIDE list serve is an extremely important means of communication for students. All major notices, including class cancellations, CIDE seminars, etc. will be posted to this list. Please email cidec.oise@utoronto.ca stating that you are a student and wish to be added to the listserv.

We warmly invite you to make yourself known to the CIDE community. Become involved in the CIDE Student Association (CIDESA) and create a student profile on the CIDE website – www.oise.utoronto.ca/cidec. These profiles allow the CIDE community to get to know each other virtually and give you a chance to display your research interests, academic work or link to your website/blog. Profile instructions are located in the website student section.

We look forward to having you in our program!

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