

PHD PROGRAMME IN ECONOMICS

The PhD in Economics is a 4-year programme based in one of the most amazing cities in the world, Venice. The programme is entirely taught in English and it offers advanced training in economics, econometrics and finance, providing highly selected students with instruments to conduct original research and pursue a career in academia or in economic and financial international organizations.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE:

The programme has a duration of 4 years. The first year is entirely dedicated to intensive course work, designed differently for students holding a research master in Economics, and students with different backgrounds.

TRACK 1: The PhD programme is fully integrated with the Erasmus Mundus Master Course Models and Methods of Quantitative Economics (QEM) offered by Università Ca' Foscari Venezia, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Université Catholique de Louvain and Warsaw School of Economics. Students coming from this Master's Programme or with a comparable background are offered research oriented courses and department seminars.

TRACK 2: Students not holding a research master in economics, e.g. applied economics masters as well as hard sciences or humanities backgrounds are offered a one-year curriculum with courses in mathematics, statistics, microeconomics, macroeconomics and econometrics. The specific course work will be tailored on the candidate's background.

From the second year onwards, PhD students are dedicated to their own research, under the supervision of two members of the faculty. Besides working on their PhD dissertation, as part of the department community, students are involved in activities such as reading groups, seminars and teaching assistantship. Study periods in other international institutions as well as participation to scientific conferences are encouraged and financially supported.

RESEARCH AREAS:

Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Economic Theory, Public Economics, Labour Economics, Health Economics, Economics of Ageing, Experimental Economics, Computational Economics, Regional Economics, Econometrics, Bayesian Econometrics, Financial Economics, Quantitative Finance, Mathematical Economics, Economic Statistics

PLACEMENT:

The PhD programme prepares students to work in academia, in national and international organizations conducting economic research such as ministries, national banks, financial and economic bodies and in international organizations like OECD and World Bank. The programme also prepares for employment in private sector: PhD graduates from Ca' Foscari work in consulting firms, banks, insurance companies, investment and retirements funds among others.

Our recent PhDs were recruited by: Toulouse School of Economics, Goethe University in Frankfurt, Utrecht University, Bielefeld University, Trinity College Dublin, Higher School of Economics in Moscow, Universidad Pontificia de San Paolo, Boston University, King's College London, Bocconi University, LUISS, Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia, University of Padua, Libera Università di Bolzano, Zhongnan University of Economics and Law, Indian Statistical Institute, Euromonitor International Lithuania, Ecuador Ministry of Education, Banque Centrale du Luxembourg, Bundesbank, Poland Central Bank, Banca d'Italia, European Central Bank, World Bank, OECD, New Zealand Ministry of Education, Simon-Kucher & Partners,

Morgan Stanley London, ING Group, Microsoft, Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei, Safilo Spa, Avis Budget Group (UK).

INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT

International features of the PhD programme are:

- the programme is entirely in English;
- some courses are given by renowned visiting professors (in recent years Prof. Michele Boldrin, Washington University in Saint-Louis, Prof. Alain Monfort, CREST, INSEE Paris; Prof. Francois Bourguignon, Paris School of Economics; Prof. Alberto Holly, University of Lausanne);
- PhD students come from several different countries;
- students are encouraged to present their work at international conferences:
- possibility of spending visiting periods in universities in Europe and US;
- · collaborations with several international networks;
- preparation for the international job market

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Each year, the programme offers 5 to 6 positions with full scholarship - a stipend of about 15.343 euros/year and funds for international mobility starting form second year. The PhD does not require tuition fees.

FACILTIES:

The programme offers dedicated space for PhD students, digital libraries and datasets, cluster computers for computational power and specialized software for advanced research.