

PhD in Economics

Overview

The PhD in Economics is a 4-year programme designed for highly qualified and motivated students who wish to acquire the research and analytical skills of the international scientific community in Economics.

The Programme is offered in close cooperation with UCA-University of Cote d'Azur (Nice, France), and an agreement for exchange of students and faculty is also in place with the University of Strasbourg (France) and IMT-School Lucca.

Students attend one year and a half of intensive course work, part of which (2-3 months) is hosted at the UCA. After the training period, students will proceed to supervised research work, yielding an original dissertation to be discussed in a final, public examination. It is expected that students produce articles publishable in international journals.

PhD students are exposed to the vivid research environment and participate to various ongoing research activities at the Institute of Economics at Scuola Sant'Anna (seminars, conferences, research projects). The Programme is also part of a large international network of institutions and scholars, supporting exchanges of research students and faculty.

Areas of study and research facilities

The training covers traditional domains of economic analysis (micro, macro, econometrics) but also offers the unique opportunity to study and get involved in research fields often neglected in standard PhD Courses. In line with the core research interests



and expertise of the Institute of Economics at Sant'Anna and associate institutions, Advanced and Field topics encompass: evolutionary perspectives on economic change, firm-industry dynamics, economics of innovation, agent-based computational economics, economic networks and complexity, economic history and history of economic thought, and a broad range of quantitative tools for the analysis of big-data and economic dynamics.

PhD students have access to research facilities (software, hardware, data) available via the Scuola library, the Institute of Economics, and the computational infrastructure of the Department of Excellence EMBEDS.

Job Opportunities

The Programme is primarily intended for students willing to pursue an academic career but also provides professional research skills to work in public and private research institutions. Former PhD candidates now work as post-doc, research fellow or tenure track in well-reputed Italian and international universities (Paris-Sorbonne, Utrecht University, University of York, New

School New York, Sciences Po, University of Strasbourg, Cattolica Milano, CNR Florence), institutions (UN-ECLAC, ECB, Bank of Italy, STATEC-Luxembourg, OECD-Paris, JRC-Seville, Italian Ministry of Economic and Finance), and in the private sector (UBS).

Highlights

- The number and scope of courses offered in the training part of the programme equip students with a broad view of economic and social phenomena, partially contrasting current tendency toward excessive specialization of the economic profession.
- Through a small but growing and dynamic Faculty, including some of the major international scholars in their field, students are exposed to the international frontier of research, which is essential for enhancing the quality of their research, for developing their own network of international collaborations and ultimately for successfully approaching the academic job market.

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