PhD in Economics and Finance

The program in short

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Why a PhD in Economics and Finance?

- The PhD degree is the highest level of university education
- A PhD in Economics and Finance trains students to become independent researchers in Economics and/or Finance
- A PhD graduate can undertake a career at the university or in any public/private company endowed with a research department

Why in Verona?

- The Department of Economics offers a stimulating young research environment in a lovely city
- Our students are endowed with personal research funds
- We also provide access to a dedicated room, equipped with computers and other facilities
Main features of the program

• Duration: Four years full time
• Four scholarships every year (gross amount: 20,000 euros per year)
• Personal research funds (1,600 euros per year)
• Access to dedicated room and Department facilities
• Training activities entirely carried out in English
• First year of courses on general and specific topics
• Personalized training and research path
• Interaction with PhD programs from nearby universities
• Experience abroad of up to twelve months financially supported
Activities

First year
• Students attend advanced courses, offered in collaboration with the University of Padua, both compulsory on general topics and eligible on more specific topics
• At the end of the year, students choose a field of specialization, identify two supervisors and prepare a summer paper sketching their first research agenda

Second year
• Students start working on their research and are encouraged to shape a personalized study curriculum based on their research interests
• Students present their work on a “PhD day” jointly organized with the Universities of Padua and Ca’ Foscari of Venice
• At the end of the year, students present an internal seminar within the Department
Activities

Third year
• Students mainly work on their research
• A study and research stay in a foreign university or research institution for a period of six-twelve months usually takes place in this period
• At the end of the year, students present an internal seminar within the Department

Fourth year
• Students finalize their thesis, which must contain three chapters of original scientific production
• The thesis is evaluated by a pool of at least two external reviewers
• Final examinations usually take place between April and May of the year following the end of the program
Placement

- We graduated 18 students between 2016 and 2020
- At the time of graduation, they were all already having a job
- Most of them (13, i.e., 72%) got hired in a university
  - Out of these, 7 in Italy and 6 abroad (worldwide)
- The others (5, i.e., 28%) got hired in public/private companies
  - Out of these, 3 were hired as economists in large companies and 2 were teaching at the high school level
Admission

- Admission is through competition. The call for applications opens in May
- Eligible candidates hold, or are about to hold, a master’s degree in Economics or related fields
- The following material is required for an application: i) Certificate with final graduation mark or transcript with exam grades; ii) Curriculum Vitae; iii) Short original research proposal; iv) Two reference letters
- Shortlisted candidates are invited for an interview in July
- Activities start in October

- In 2022 seven students enrolled: 4 with standard scholarships, 2 with exceptional scholarships financed with NextGen-EU funds, and 1 without scholarship
- From the standard 2022 call:
  - We received 146 applicants from 30 countries (19 Italians)
  - We shortlisted 45 applicants; 18 were considered suitable
  - Five students from four different countries eventually enrolled
Need more information?

- Visit the PhD official webpage
  https://www.dse.univr.it/?ent=cs&id=1008&lang=en

- Contact the coordinator, Prof. Alessandro Bucciol
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- We look forward to hearing from you!