

**Doctoral Program in
ECONOMICS
XXXIV Cycle - 2018/2019 Academic Year**

Administrative Headquarters: Department of Economics and Finance, LUISS Guido Carli University

Statutory Duration of the Program: 4 years

a) Educational Goals and Research Themes:

The doctoral program in Economics seeks to produce international-level economists capable of contributing to the advancement of knowledge and expanding the frontiers of research in the economic field and with the aim of pursuing academic or professional careers with international institutions, central banks, economic policy makers and/or regulatory authorities, consultancy firms and financial institutions.

The research themes are:

- macroeconomics;
- microeconomics;
- econometrics;
- monetary and fiscal policies analysis;
- financial markets and regulation;
- industrial economics and competition;
- individual choice in a context of uncertainty and behavioral economics;
- economic cycle and growth models.

b) Places on offer:

- **Total places on offer, all with scholarships:** n. 5

c) Selection Process:

The selection process for admission to the doctoral program consists of three phases:

1. First Phase: Evaluation of CV, qualifications, publications, Statement of Purpose and Reference letter

This phase will take into account all of the qualifications, publications (if any) Statement of purpose, reference letter and further relevant elements indicated in a candidate's CV.

Publications will be evaluated taking into account the academic value of the writings, their relevance to the topics under study in the doctoral program and the standing of the journals and publishing houses through which the candidates have published.

The **Statement of Purpose** should express the reasons underlying the candidature in **no more than 3,000 characters with spaces**.

Please note that it is possible to apply for the doctoral program even in the absence of publications.

Candidates who score at least 25 points in the first phase will be admitted to the second phase, i.e. evaluation of the Research Proposal and Statement of Purpose. Reference should be made to section **d)** of this annex for more details on evaluation criteria.

2. **Second Phase: Evaluation of the Research Proposal**

In this phase the Research Proposal submitted by candidates is evaluated.

The **Research Proposal** will be evaluated taking into account its relevance to the topics under study in the doctoral program and specifically must:

- be written in English and consist of **not more than 12,000 characters with spaces, excluding the bibliography;**
- include the following elements: field of research, reasons for undertaking the research and its objectives, the background of the research, the state of the art on the topic complete with references to the literature, the methodology proposed, hypotheses and theories, a description of the empirical component, if any, sources and a brief bibliography.

Candidates who score at least 12 points in the second phase will be admitted to the third phase, i.e. the Oral Exam.

3. **Third Phase: Oral Exam in English**

The Oral Exam will focus on the Research Proposal submitted and will concern topics and subjects pertinent thereto (even if not directly covered by the Research Proposal itself but which relate to the areas under study in the doctoral program).

It is designed to assess not only the candidate's depth of knowledge regarding the proposal submitted but also the candidate's ability to engage in reasoning and discuss concepts relating to various branches of the system.

The Oral Exam will be conducted in English in view of the fact that the doctoral program will be taught entirely in that language. The Exam may be held with the candidate present in person or through Skype.

Candidates who score at least 18 points will be deemed to have passed the Oral Exam.

d) Admissions Commission Scoring

The scoring system is as follows:

Competition Phase	Subject Matter of Evaluation	Maximum score	Minimum score to pass to next Phase
Phase 1	CV, Qualifications and Publications + Statement of purpose + Reference letter	50	25
Phase 2	Research proposal	20	12
Phase 3	Oral Exam	30	18
Total		100	55

e) Method of Submission of Candidature:

The online application procedure is to be completed through accessing the University's website at: <http://phdeconomics.luiss.it/application-and-admission/>.

To submit an application to participate in the competition candidates must:

- go to the webpage: <http://phdeconomics.luiss.it/application-and-admission/>;
- fill out the competition application in full, attaching the required documents, specifically:

MANDATORY DOCUMENTATION:

- I) Certification/self-certification of the degree held setting out the exams sat and the associated grade awarded and credits earned, the grade point average and the degree grade (for each degree if more than one degree held).

Candidates with a qualification awarded in an EU country must submit the following:

1. degree parchment in its original language;
2. diploma supplement and academic transcript in their original language;
3. translation into Italian or English of the two documents indicated in the preceding points 1 and 2: the translations are not required if the documents in question are issued by the institution directly in English.

Candidates with a qualification awarded in a non-EU country must submit the following:

- A. degree parchment in its original language;
- B. academic transcript in its original language;
- C. translation into Italian or English of the two documents indicated in the preceding points A and B: the translations are not required if the documents in question are issued by the institution directly in English.

For qualifications awarded in a non-EU country the admitted candidates may submit a statement of comparability of the foreign qualification issued by the Information Centre on Academic Mobility and Equivalence (CIMEA) as an alternative to submission of the documents indicated in points A and B above. In that regard candidates should click on the following link: <http://cis.cimea.it/estero/>.

- II) Curriculum vitae, indicating all the qualifications held (for example, master's degree, advanced courses, other PhDs, etc.), research undertaken, study and work periods abroad or in any event of international relevance, and certified knowledge of additional foreign languages other than English, if any.
- III) National ID card/passport.
- IV) List of publications in areas pertinent to the doctoral program as well as the full text of a maximum of three publications included in the said list.

It is recommended that files be uploaded in pdf format.

V) Research Proposal, consistent with the educational goals and the themes of the doctoral program (**maximum 12,000 characters with spaces, excluding the bibliography**).

VI) A Statement of Purpose: **maximum 3,000 characters with spaces, written in English**.

This should be a statement from candidates setting out the reasons that have led them to continue their studies, describing their studies so far and briefly indicating their research interests;

VII) GRE.

VIII) no. 1 reference letter sent by a professor or a recognized expert by e-mail to dottorati@luiss.it inserting the name of the candidate and the PhD program for which he/she submits the application.

OPTIONAL DOCUMENTATION:

I) Any other qualifications: for example, certification of knowledge of foreign languages other than English or certification of other qualifications held, indicating the marks obtained in the single exams if such marks were awarded (for example, a master's degree in a subject pertinent to the doctoral program, European Doctorate, relevant experience at institutions and public bodies).

f) Deadlines:

- **Deadline for submission of applications:** 16:00 CEST (UTC+2) on 13 April 2018.
- **Deadline for awarding of prerequisite qualification for the doctoral program:** 31 July 2018.
- **Deadline for publication of the ranking for admission purposes:** 28 June 2018. The ranking order and list of those admitted will be published on the doctoral program website (link: <http://phdeconomics.luiss.it/application-and-ammission/>) and communicated by e-mail to the successful candidates in accordance with article 5 of the call for applications.
- **Deadline for sending notice of the ranking for admission purposes to successful candidates:** within 7 days after publication of the ranking order and list of those admitted on the University's website (<http://www.luiss.it>).
- **Program start:** September 2018.