



Annex B to Rectoral Decree No. 38 of 13/03/2020

**Doctoral Program in
ECONOMICS**

XXXVI Cycle – 2020/2021 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 is addressed to individuals of high promise who wish to become international-level economists capable of contributing to the advancement of knowledge and expanding the frontiers of research in the economic field. The aim of its participants would be to pursue 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 policy analysis;
- financial markets and regulation;
- industrial economics and competition;
- individual choice within the contexts 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, GRE, and publications.

This phase will take into account all qualifications, GRE, publications (if present), and other relevant elements in a candidate's CV.

Publications will be evaluated by 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.



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

Candidates who score at least 24 points in the first phase will be admitted to the second phase, i.e. the Evaluation of the Research Proposal. Reference should be made to section d) of this annex for more details on evaluation criteria.

2. Second Phase - Evaluation of the Research Proposal

This phase involves the evaluation of the Research Proposal submitted by the candidate. The **Research Proposal** will be evaluated by assessing its pertinence to the areas under study in the Doctoral program. It should be written in English and explicitly contain: the specific field of research, the objectives and motivations for the research, the background of the research, the state of the art on the subject, with references to the literature, the proposed methodology, related hypotheses and theories, a description of the eventual empirical component, a list of sources and a brief bibliography.

Candidates who have obtained 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 in the presence of the candidate or through Skype.

Candidates who score at least 24 points will be deemed to have passed the Oral Exam.

d) Admissions Commission Scoring

The scoring system utilized by the Commission is as follows (minimum score for eligibility: 60):

Competition Phase	Description of Evaluation Phase	Maximum score	Minimum score to pass to next Phase
Phase 1	CV, qualifications, GRE, publications	40	24
Phase 2	Research Proposal	20	12
Phase 3	Oral Exam	40	24
Total		100	60



e) Method of Submission of Candidature:

The online application procedure should be completed by accessing the University's website at: <http://phdeconomics.luiss.it/application-and-ammission/>.

To submit an application to participate in the competition, candidates should:

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

MANDATORY DOCUMENTATION:

- I) Proof of possession of a master's degree**
- II) Curriculum vitae, indicating all the qualifications held**
- III) National ID card/passport**
- IV) List of publications together with the full texts of the publications or a self-declaration stating that no publications exist**
- V) Research Proposal**
- VI) GRE.**

Details of the mandatory documentation

I) Proof of possession of a master's degree;

The award degree documentation is different depending on the Country where the degree is awarded; thus please note that:

Candidates with a qualification awarded in ITALY must submit:

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

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

1. certification/self-certification of the degree held setting out the exams undertaken, the associated grade awarded and credits earned, the grade point average and the degree grade (for each degree if more than one degree held).
2. degree parchment in its original language;
3. diploma supplement and academic transcript of records in their original language;
4. 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 of records 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, the Statements of Comparability and Verification can be found at the following link: <http://cis.cimea.it/en/>.

II) Curriculum vitae, indicating all the qualifications held

(for example, master's degree, advanced courses, other PhDs, etc.), research undertaken, study and work periods either abroad or 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, together with the full texts of the publications included in the said list, to be uploaded in pdf format onto the relevant section on the online platform. In the absence of publications, a self-declaration should be uploaded attesting to the same.

N.B. It is nonetheless possible to apply for the Doctoral Program even in the absence of publications, by attaching a self-declaration stating that no publications exist.

- V) Research Proposal**, consistent with the educational goals and the topics of the Doctoral Program;

VI) GRE.

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. Such qualifications might include a master's degree in a subject pertinent to the Doctoral Program, a European Doctorate, relevant experience at institutions and public bodies, etc.).

II) Relevant reference letter

III) Statement of purpose

It is recommended that files be uploaded in pdf format;



f) **Deadlines:**

- **Deadline for submission of applications:** 16:00 CEST (UTC+2) on 11 May 2020.
- **Deadline for awarding of prerequisite qualification for the Doctoral Program:** 31 July 2020.
- **Deadline for publication of the ranking for admission purposes:** 10 July 2020, unless extended by a communication to that effect on the University's website. The ranking order and list of those admitted will be published on the Doctoral Program website link: <http://phdeconomics.luiss.it/admission-and-ranking-list/> and communicated by e-mail to the successful candidates in accordance with article 5 of the call for applications.
- **Deadline for acceptance of admission by the successful candidates:** within 7 days, to commence the day after publication of the ranking order and list of admitted candidates on the University's website (<http://www.luiss.it>).
- **Commencement of the Program:** September 2020.