

IDEA

Graduate Program in Economics

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Overview

The IDEA Graduate Program prepares students for academic careers as well as positions as experts in business, finance, government and research organizations. IDEA is a joint project between the Department of Economics of the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona and the Institut d'Anàlisi Econòmica.

The IDEA Graduate Program offers both a Master of Research in Economics as well as a PhD. The IDEA Program is fully international: our faculty and campus are immersed in an English-speaking international academic community. Degrees are awarded by the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona.

Master's Program

The IDEA Master of Research in Economics has a two-year structure with 120 ECTS, conforming to the Bologna Declaration directives. In the program, students acquire a solid grounding in Economics that emphasizes rigorous analytical thinking and advanced quantitative and computational methods.

Double Degree IDEA-MIBF

IDEA also offers a double degree program that may be of particular interest to students seeking to specialize in international finance and banking. This program allows students to combine the solid analytical training of the IDEA research master with the specialized preparation of Lingnan University's Master of Science in International Banking and Finance (MIBF). The MIBF curriculum provides internationally-focused training in the core areas of banking and finance and also covers related topics in accounting and regulation.

Faculty

Faculty members are internationally-recognized researchers with an outstanding record of publications in top international journals.

PhD Program

The PhD Program is jointly organized with the Barcelona Graduate School of Economics. After the completion of the Master's Program, students can request admission to the PhD Program to pursue research in their field of study. Our PhD students enjoy active interaction between students and faculty and a stimulating research environment with regular seminars and internal workshops. The PhD Program is part of the European Network ENTER.

Economics in Barcelona

The Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona and the Institut d'Anàlisi Econòmica are both members of the Barcelona Graduate School of Economics. Membership in the Barcelona GSE brings many advantages: it hosts regular joint events where leading researchers both from Barcelona and around the world present their work, and it facilitates research collaboration among its members.

Careers

Our Master's and PhD students acquire a rigorous set of tools that make them competitive in the job market, taking on careers in academia, the private sector, and governmental and non-governmental institutions.

Recent Placements

Master's Program: Competition and Markets Authority (UK), Deloitte KPMG (Spain), Inter-American Development Bank (Washington DC), Office of Health Economics (UK), PhD student at MIT, PhD student at NYU.

PhD Program: Bank of Canada, Cardiff University, McMaster University, Goethe University, University of Edinburgh, University of Southampton, University of St. Andrews.

To Apply

Admissions are open from November 15 until enrollment reaches capacity. Formally, admissions close on June 30. To apply, please visit idea.uab.es.



Camilo J. Pecha Garzón, MA 2014
Inter-American Development Bank

The IDEA program gave me the guides and tools to find a way to successful research in Development Economics. The program is committed delivering high levels of technical guidance and advising in various topics in Economics, strengthening in this way the critical and theoretical skills of its students and researchers. Highly prepared faculty from top universities make the program an excellent place to start or continue a successful career as a researcher in Economics.

David Jiménez-Gómez, MA 2010
PhD Student at MIT



IDEA offers both academic excellence and life quality. The faculty is knowledgeable and accessible, and the coursework is designed to bring the student to the frontier of research. Barcelona hosts one of the leading communities of economists in Europe and the world, in addition to being a city with vibrant life and a cultural hub by the Mediterranean sea. Studying at the UAB was an incredibly enriching experience for me!



Jan Grobousek, PhD 2012
University of Edinburgh

IDEA's philosophy –borrowed from the US– rests on two pillars. First, a rigorous training that yields well-rounded economists. Second, a truly dedicated faculty that, as a group, encourages and supports the students towards success. The program's value-added to the students is enormous, which is why IDEA is very well-respected in the academic community.

Tatjana Dahlhaus, PhD 2013
Bank of Canada



Doing my PhD at IDEA was one of the best decisions of my life. From a professional point of view, IDEA provided me with high quality courses and an ideal environment to perform research. From a more personal point of view, I have experienced great support throughout my years at IDEA, both from professors and fellow students. Last but not least, Barcelona is the most amazing city in the world. It's a win-win situation!