Graduate Program in Economics

IDEA

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.

Degrees from IDEA are awarded by the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. The language of instruction is English.

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.

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.

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.

Overview

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.

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. The Barcelona GSE is also the only economics institution in Spain to have received the Severo Ochoa Research Excellence Program.

Doctoral Program

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Recent Placements

Double Degree IDEA-MIBF

Master’s Program: Competition and Markets Authority (UK), Deloitte (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.

Careers

Admissions are open from November 15 until enrollment reaches capacity. For this, admissions close on June 30.

To Apply

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