

International Ph.D. in Economics Université Côte d'Azur CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

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Brief Description	Université Côte d'Azur (UniCA) international Ph.D. in economics offers training in traditional economic disciplines - like microeconomics, macroeconomics, econometrics, financial market analysis, industrial organization - and training in disciplines embedding a complexity-based perspective such as computational economics, experimental economics, the analysis of financial and economic networks. The program aims to form economists able to perform high-quality research in economics and economic policy analysis and combining robust and high-quality knowledge of traditional economic domains with concepts from the complexity-based approach in sciences. The international Ph.D. in economics is financed by the IDEX UCA JEDI and offered by ELMI, the Graduate School of Economics and Management of UniCA. It is developed in close collaboration with the Sant'Anna Ph.D. in economics, in Pisa (Italy) and it involves a training of 1 year and a half with intensive doctoral courses in various economic disciplines, in econometrics, in mathematics and statistics. Training is provided by teachers from the partner institutions, and from a network of renowned scholars in Europe. Recruited candidates attend one year of basic and advanced courses at the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna premises in Pisa (Italy) and then one additional semester of advanced courses at UniCA premises. Recruited candidates who successfully complete the above training program work at the completion of a Ph.D. thesis in economics. The thesis work must be carried out at the GREDEG (<i>Groupe de Recherche en Droit, Économie, Gestion</i>) and under the supervision of GREDEG's scholars. Joint supervision (<i>co-tutelle</i>) with the partner of the program (Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna) is also possible. GREDEG is a research center in economics, law, and management jointly operated by the CNRS (National Centre for Scientific Research) and Université Côte d'Azur. An important characteristic of GREDEG is to favor multidisciplinary approaches. GREDEG's scholars actively perform research in various domains, including (but not limited to) the economics of innovation, industrial dynamics, international trade, agent-based macroeconomics, international macroeconomics, ecological economics, experimental economics, law and economics, the analysis of financial markets and of financial regulation, the history of economic thought.
Language of the Program	English

Number of available positions and salary	1 full 4-years scholarship (3+1 years doctoral contract), 2836€ gross per month (12 monthly instalments per year)
Submission procedure	Interested candidates <u>must submit their application electronically</u> by completing the application form available at the following link <u>Application form 2026 - International Ph.D. in Economics of Université Côte d'Azur</u> The form also provides <u>instructions about how to upload the documents</u> that must be enclosed to the application (see next section for the list of application documents) Deadline for applications: May 15th, 2026 at 23:59 (CET) Applicants must demonstrate an excellent academic record and hold a Master's degree <u>with an overall performance clearly above the average</u> in the relevant grading system. <u>Candidates who have not yet been awarded a Master's degree, but who are expected to obtain it by 30 September 2026</u>, may also apply. In this case, applicants must enclose to their application a written statement from their supervisor confirming the expected date of degree completion. Applications missing this statement will not be considered.
Application Documents	Mandatory documents (applications missing any of the following documents will not be considered) 1) Copy of a valid identity document. (Passport for Non-EU citizens). 2) CV including all the information about education, scientific and professional experience that can demonstrate skills and attitudes to carry out research in economics. 3) List of courses and transcripts of exams taken (in English, French or Italian). <u>Official transcripts are required</u>. Self-declarations shall not be considered 4) Copy of the Master's thesis (if available), together with a 4-page summary of the thesis in English or French. The summary must include a bibliography (the bibliography is not counted toward the 4-page limit). If the thesis is not yet available, applicants must upload a 4-page abstract in English or French, including a bibliography, describing the research work developed in the thesis.

5) A research project. The research project must be at most 4 pages long (excluding bibliographic references) and it must describe the research that the candidate would like to carry out during the doctoral programme. The project is meant to provide insights about the applicant's interests and capabilities, and it is an important element for the assessment of the applicant's potential. Once admitted, candidates will be free to change the research project.

6) For Candidates who have not yet been awarded a Master's degree, but who are expected to obtain it by 30 September 2026: a written statement from their supervisor confirming the expected date of degree completion

Optional documents

7) Publications and any other documentation that may contribute to provide an assessment of the candidate's skills and attitudes.

8) Official certifications (TOEFL, IELTS) demonstrating a good knowledge of the English language, if available.

Reference Letters

In addition to the documents listed above, two reference letters are required. The letters may be provided by academic or non-academic referees who have a good knowledge of the applicant's academic performance during their university studies.

Reference letters must be written in English and sent directly by the referees to international.phdineconomics@univ-cotedazur.fr by the application deadline of 15 May 2026 (23:59 CET). Reference letters sent directly by the applicant will not be considered.

The subject line of the e-mail must include the applicant's surname and first name. E-mails that do not comply with these requirements may not be considered.

Each reference letter should provide a clear assessment of the applicant's competencies and skills, research potential, scientific maturity, and research interests, preferably in comparative terms with other students known to the referee who have attended a PhD programme in Economics over the past five years. The letter should also comment on the applicant's proficiency in English, their ability to undertake PhD-level coursework, and their capacity to work autonomously.

Selection procedure	The assessment is based on the documents submitted by the candidates. The Selection Committee will assign a score from 1 to 100 based on a candidate's academic records, publications, and research project, considering both their quality and their relevance for this PhD Programme. A minimum of 70/100 points is required to be considered eligible for the PhD Programme. <u>Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed by the selection committee.</u>
Schedule of the selection procedure	The decision of the selection committee will be notified to applicants by the end of July 2026 at the latest.
Information requests	Please write to: international.phdineconomics@univ-cotedazur.fr