

Doctoral School *Economics*

Aim:

The Doctoral School *Economics* is intended to provide a platform for improved doctoral training. This will enable doctoral students to network more closely with each other and to become more closely and earlier involved in the research work of the Economic Institutes.

With the enrolment of the doctoral program, the students are in aspirant status.

Step 1:

Agreement with a supervisor on the supervision of the dissertation (personal discussion) and the dissertation topic (working title). Only members of the doctoral school can be [supervisors](#). This informal preliminary agreement is intended to simplify the further process of doctoral studies.

Step 2

Writing an Exposé (description of the dissertation project), including:

- the objectives and research questions
- a detailed discussion of literature on the state of research
- the research methods
- the scientific value added and project implications
- a timetable (the duration of the doctoral program is at least 6 semesters)
- a comprehensive bibliography.

A [stylesheet](#) for the exposé can be downloaded as a Word file.

The exposé must convincingly depict the reasonableness and feasibility of the dissertation (this is a prerequisite for admission to the Doctoral School). The written exposé is to be submitted to academic members of the Doctoral School and presented by the student in a course by the Economic Institutes which takes place up to four times a year. (Timetable: sending at least three weeks before the selected submission date, presentation event about two weeks before the submission date).

The exposé requires the approval of the supervisor prior to submission. The supervisors sign the [supervision agreement](#) after approval of the exposé.

It is recommended to submit the exposé before/towards the end of the second semester and prior to the completion of the first part of the Rigorosum.

Step 3:

It is recommended to obtain the consent of a second reviewer regarding their availability for this function. A mentor must also be chosen. The mentor can be elected from the members of the Doctoral School who offer this as an additional service as well as from outside (other Faculty, other University). The mentor's task is to provide additional general and organizational advice as required.

Admission to the Doctoral School:

As soon as the exposé has been approved.

Cumulative dissertation or monograph:

In order to prepare for a scientific (post-doctoral) career, the cumulative dissertation (consisting of synopsis and papers according to the guidelines of the Curricula Commission Doctorate) is recommended.

Support in the work on the dissertation

1. Courses (Doctoral Colloquium 1 and 2, Research Seminar)

The research seminar serves to present the well-received core literature for the respective topics. The research seminar is recommended for the second or third semester and also serves to elaborate or sharpen the exposé.

In the Doctoral Colloquium 1 (DQ 1) and the Doctoral Colloquium 2 (DQ 2) papers (or chapters of a monograph) are presented and put up for discussion. Furthermore, aspects and questions of scientific writing and publishing are discussed. In addition to the course instructor, at least both the supervisor and the designated second reviewer participate in the discussions. For this purpose, the DQs' dates and programme are sent to the members of the Doctoral School in good time. In the 2 DQs different papers (or chapters) should be presented.

The DQs are to be visited in the third to sixth semester (but at least after completing part 1 of the Rigorosum). It is recommended to attend these courses every semester (either DQ1 or DQ2, after a successful completion as a guest) until the dissertation is submitted.

2. Economics Research Seminar and Brown Bag Seminar

Students are expected to participate regularly and contribute to the discussion. For information on the Economics Research Seminar please visit this [site](#).

3. Presentation of the paper at international conferences:

The presentation is recommended and supported by the Doctoral School which also supports applications for funding.

4. Supervision meetings:

Meetings with the supervisor are expected to be held on a regular basis. At least once per semester, such a meeting (supervisor-doctoral candidate) must also be formally conducted and documented. The content and the result must be documented in the implementation log.

5. Further activities such as workshops or summer schools:

Small workshops, discussion groups or summer schools are also available, depending on what is currently on offer and what interests you.