

ESMT
BERLIN

PhD

AT ESMT BERLIN

Specialization tracks in
Management · Accounting · Finance · Economics



KEY FACTS



8 PARTNERS*



4 SPECIALIZATION
TRACKS



SCHOLARSHIPS
AVAILABLE



RESEARCH-ORIENTED
TRAINING



ENGLISH

OVERVIEW

ESMT Berlin's PhD program is uniquely positioned. Pursuing your PhD at ESMT you will be additionally enrolled in the structured doctoral program of the Berlin School of Economics (BSE). The Berlin-wide collaboration of the city's public universities, leading private schools, and research institutions gives you access to courses taught by world-class management and economics scholars. You will be asked to obtain 90 ECTS from core and elective courses as well as teaching assignments. Program strengths include:

- Rigorous training in state-of-the-art methodology in preparation for your independent research
- Access to ESMT's world class faculty and the Berlin science community
- Close collaboration and supervision by ESMT professors

You may choose from one of the following four tracks:

PhD in Management

The management track is suitable, if you intend to work on research questions from the fields of entrepreneurial and managerial decision-making, marketing, operations research, organizational economics, organizational behavior, and personnel economics.

PhD in Accounting

The accounting track prepares you for future positions in academic accounting departments that focus on quantitative research. In the core courses, you will have fundamental training in microeconomics, econometrics, and machine learning. The elective courses focus on analytical, empirical, and experimental methods in the context of state-of-the-art accounting research.

PhD in Finance

The finance track introduces you to research questions and methodologies that shape current research in financial economics. It prepares graduates for research careers in universities, central banks, and other research-oriented institutions.

PhD in Economics

Choosing the PhD in Economics, you will have a strong focus on policy. The course requirements consist of core courses (microeconomics, macroeconomics, econometrics) and elective courses, which are followed by a research phase.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAM

QUALIFICATION PHASE

(year 1):

①

Methodological and research-oriented training
in mandatory course work

②

Selection of research area and
supervisory support

DISSERTATION PHASE

(year 2–5):

③

Own research, electives, and further
development of soft skills and teaching

④

Participation in seminars and conferences,
presentation of dissertation

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Successful applicants must have obtained a master's in economics or business and have performed exceptionally well in their studies. Applicants from related fields (such as industrial engineering, statistics, or quantitative social sciences) may also fulfill the admission requirements if they have a sufficient interest in economics or business studies.

Applications are accepted from November to mid-February for a program start in October. Applications may only be sent during the application period through the centralized application portal of BSE. For more details please refer to: berlin-econ.de/bse-phd-apply

Scholarships

ESMT's PhD program addresses outstanding candidates with a strong desire to conduct their own research projects. Participation is free of charge and ESMT offers full financial support through stipends and travel allowances.

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About ESMT Berlin

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