

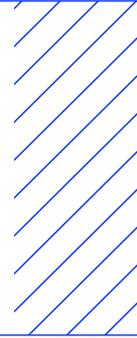


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DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

IN ACCOUNTING, FINANCE, MANAGEMENT & ECONOMICS



DEVELOP A PROFOUND UNDERSTANDING OF COMPLEX REAL-WORLD PROBLEMS

Are you intellectually curious and interested in tackling the real-world organisational, financial and technological problems that characterise today's business world? Do you possess outstanding analytical skills and a keen eye for detail? Use your talents for a challenging career with a doctorate in business. Frankfurt School offers a truly academic climate, in the best sense of the world. The faculty are passionate about research and committed to training doctoral students to become educated scholars who will lead in their fields of business. Among only a handful of schools in Europe, Frankfurt School offers a structured two-year coursework programme that provides students with the necessary skills to do rigorous research. The faculty see the training of doctoral students as a group responsibility and students are encouraged to benefit from the expertise of all professors.

WHY DO A DOCTORATE IN BUSINESS?

Intellectually rewarding

Doctoral students work on problems such as corporate social responsibility, stock market crashes, poverty reduction and ethical leadership. You contribute by doing original research, finding new insights on issues with practical implications. You need to convince your peers of your arguments by bringing rigour to your analysis and clarity to your communication.

International diversity

Doctoral students hail from all continents, work together in the classroom and build relations with researchers from all over the world. As a doctoral student, you will have opportunities to travel, spend time at leading research universities abroad and develop a network with the smartest people in the field.

World-class faculty

Frankfurt School has world-leading experts in accounting, finance and management, who contribute to the top journals of these fields as authors, reviewers and editors. They will work together with students to prepare you for doing independent research at the highest level. Your education starts with a first year that provides you with a strong foundation in data science, economics and your field of study. Next, you will dive into your chosen field, obtaining a thorough understanding of the frontier of knowledge. Throughout, you will be working on your own portfolio of research projects, culminating in your dissertation at the end of the programme.

Academic lifestyle

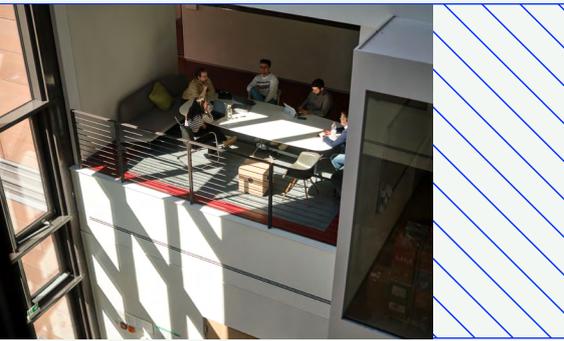
Becoming a business school professor is rewarding, not just because it offers opportunities to shape the future generation of business leaders, but also because you have the (academic) freedom to choose to work on problems that interest you and work in a way that fits your needs. Academics don't have 9-to-5 mentality; they work at home, the office or a cafe, travel frequently and collaborate with people across the world. In addition, business schools are attractive employers.

Generous financial aid

Qualified students receive a full tuition waiver and benefit from (tax-free) financial support of up to €2,320 per month. Students also get a generous research budget.

Placement

Doctoral students benefit from having experienced faculty with well-established networks around the world, not only in terms of the training they receive, but also because these connections are essential in placing students in academic positions. Faculty have personally placed students at schools around the world, including the University of Melbourne, the University of Chicago, University of Mannheim, London Business School, Erasmus University Rotterdam and Michigan State University.



FS RESEARCHERS LEAD THE WAY

Accounting

Frankfurt School's doctoral programme in Accounting is offered by one of the most productive faculties in Europe. Ranked in the top in Europe in Brigham Young University's prestigious research ranking, Frankfurt School's accounting group is known for its innovative research in capital markets and managerial accounting.

We train our students in applying state-of-the-art research techniques to address research questions that advance contemporary accounting thinking. Our faculty are at the forefront of their research area and shape the profession not only through original research but also through their editorial work and involvement in global research initiatives. Faculty have a proven track record of working closely with doctoral students throughout the programme and have placed students in some of the world's top research institutions.

Accounting research has little to do with refining the workings of double-entry book-keeping. Instead, scholars examine a broad range of questions about the role of information in markets and within firms. Accounting research is strongly related to practice, but is also empowered by the latest theoretical insights from economics and related disciplines (sociology, linguistics, even biology) and has recently made significant strides forward by adopting methods developed by (big) data science. Accounting, contrary to some stereotypes, therefore is one of the most exciting fields of research in business.

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„My time at the Accounting Department at Frankfurt School has been nothing short of amazing. Each faculty member is supportive in every possible way during my doctoral study. I appreciate all their contributions of time, ideas, and support to make my doctoral experience productive and stimulating. I would give them most of the credit for becoming the kind of academic I am today.“

Finance

The Finance programme features a diverse group of faculty members, whose interests cover corporate finance, asset pricing, and banking. Benefiting from being the largest group within Frankfurt School, the programme has a broad offering of courses and workshops that prepare students for working on the frontier of finance. Located in Frankfurt, continental Europe's financial capital, there are many close connections with the financial industry and regulators such as the European Central Bank and the Bundesbank. These connections help students to have access to data and develop research ideas that have an impact on the financial world. The ultimate goal of the programme is to produce innovative research and qualify for academic jobs in leading schools.

Management

Frankfurt School's approach to a doctorate in management is truly interdisciplinary. Scholars from strategic management, entrepreneurship, marketing, and operations research all work together on complex problems in organizations. This is reflected in the doctoral programme as students explore all these different facets to management in their coursework. The guiding philosophy of the doctoral programme is that without an interdisciplinary approach to management problems, no fundamental solution is possible. Rather than taking the narrow-minded academic silo approach, faculty teach students to make connections between fields and think creatively about what insights can be drawn from analysing problems from multiple (theoretical) perspectives.

Economics

The Economics Doctoral Programme at Frankfurt School of Finance & Management offers deep training in microeconomics, macroeconomics, and econometrics. It's perfect if you enjoy analytical thinking, want to dive into complex research topics, and work closely with leading professors in a vibrant academic community. The curriculum blends advanced economic theory with strong quantitative training, preparing you for independent research and tackling complex real-world questions across economics and related fields.