

Ph.D. program in ECONOMICS and FINANCE

The PhD in Economics and Finance is a 4-year full-time program providing advanced specialization in economics, finance, and quantitative methods to students whose goal is to pursue a successful career in academia or in institutions that require first-rate research skills.

The program is hosted by the Department of Economics and Finance (DEF) at Tor Vergata University of Rome. It offers a distinguished faculty, promoting excellence in teaching and research, and a lively and international research environment. RePEc/IDEAS rank DEF among the top 5 institutions in Italy, and the top 30 in Europe. The Department has been recently financed twice by the Italian Ministry of University and Research under the program "Departments of Excellence".

In the first year of the program, students take advanced core courses in Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Finance, and Econometrics. After choosing their field of specialization, the subsequent three years are entirely dedicated to research, including attendance and presentation at departmental seminars.

CALL FOR INTERESTS for A.Y. 2026/27

We are now advertising the positions for the next academic year with a full grant, which amounts to €16,243 per year (about €1,200 per month net of taxes, increased by 50% during the periods – up to one year - spent abroad for study and research).

A prerequisite for participating in the program is a M.Sc. university degree in Economics, Mathematics, Statistics or equivalent. All admissions are conditional on obtaining the MSc degree before the beginning of the program.

The selection is based on the evaluation of the candidate's profile from the documentation provided, and a personal interview.

Interested candidates should send at admin@phdef.uniroma2.it the following documents by **March 1, 2026**:

- Research statement (1 or 2 pages), outlining the applicant's research interests and methodological approach. The statement is intended to illustrate the applicant's intellectual profile and research orientation and does not constitute a formal research proposal nor a commitment to a specific dissertation topic.
- Curriculum Vitae
- Two reference letters (instruct your letter-writers to send letters at admin@phdef.uniroma2.it)
- Transcript of M.Sc. courses and grades
- English language proficiency certificate¹

¹ Such as IELTS/TOEFL/Cambridge C2 Proficiency/Cambridge C1 Advanced. No English language certificate is required from applicants who are English native speakers, and/or have been awarded a degree from a university program entirely taught in English and have written a thesis in English in such a program.

- M.Sc. thesis (optional)
- Motivational Letter (optional)
- Publications (if any)
- [GDPR acknowledge](#) (rif. [GDPR relevant rules](#))

Promising applicants will be invited to an interview.

Due to the limited number of available positions, we strongly encourage early applications. Selected applicants will be invited to submit a formal application for the admission procedure in accordance with the official Call by Tor Vergata University of Rome, to be issued in Spring 2026.

Detailed information about scholarships and the formal admission procedure can be found at <https://economia.uniroma2.it/phd/ef/calls>.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for any questions at info@phdef.uniroma2.it

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