

Welcome

Dear Prospective Student

Every year, the Economics Department of the University of Bonn invites ambitious students from all over the world to study and to do research at the PhD level in a supportive and intellectually demanding environment. Building on a tradition of more than 25 years, our doctoral program has operated under the name of Bonn Graduate School of Economics (BGSE) since 1998. It is especially designed for highly qualified students with a strong interest in quantitative economic research.

We, the BGSE faculty and staff members, put much emphasis on the independence of our PhD students as young researchers. Students are offered grants to cover living expenses and are provided with adequate office space. This way, we foster the cooperative team spirit that exists among our student body. Many former students of our program are in leading academic positions.

For more details on the BGSE and its program (e.g. lists of faculty members, current and former students etc.), please visit our website

www.bgse.uni-bonn.de

or contact us at

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We are looking forward to welcoming you as part of our group of highly motivated PhD students in the charming city of Bonn.

The BGSE Faculty, Staff and Students



"Being a doctoral student at the BGSE, you are strongly involved in the current research work by the faculty. Weekly workshops and seminars allow you to attend challenging discussions on current projects of the excellent professors and postdocs. Seminars are enriched by outstanding economists who get invited by the faculty and present their work in Bonn.

Furthermore, I very much enjoy the friendly relationship with my fellow BGSE students. It is easy to find someone with similar research interests to discuss your first ideas and steps of your own research as well as someone with the same interests in spending your free time."

Almira Buzaushina
(Kazakhstan, BGSE doctoral student)



The Doctoral Program

Program Description

The BGSE offers a doctoral program for students covering five fields in economics and business:

- **microeconomic theory**
- **management and applied microeconomics**
- **macroeconomics and public economics**
- **financial economics**
- **econometrics and statistics**

The expected length of study is 4 years for students entering the program with a master's degree and 4½ to 5 years for students entering with a bachelor's degree. All BGSE activities are conducted in English.

Structure of the Program

Prospective course of study for...

... students holding a master's degree (or German diploma) when entering the BGSE		... students holding a bachelor's degree when entering the BGSE	
1st semester	4 courses to be chosen among: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ mathematics for economists (mandatory) ■ microeconomics ■ macroeconomics ■ econometrics ■ finance 	1st semester	4 courses to be chosen among: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ mathematics for economists (mandatory) ■ microeconomics ■ macroeconomics ■ econometrics ■ finance
2nd semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ topics courses* ■ brown bag seminar where students present and discuss their first research ideas 	2nd and 3rd semester	total of 8 courses, composed of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ master-level courses ■ topics courses* ■ brown bag seminar where students present and discuss their first research ideas
3rd – 8th semester	dissertation stage with weekly workshops, research seminars and remaining topics courses	4th – 9th semester	dissertation stage with weekly workshops, research seminars and remaining topics courses

* Topics courses cover subjects of the current research frontier and prepare students to do independent research and to participate in the joint research activities of the Economics Department. Furthermore, they give students an early opportunity to find their own research topics. Topics courses can be chosen as a substitute for regular master courses whereas it is mandatory to participate in at least 4 topics courses.

Application & Scholarships

Partnerships & Collaborations

The BGSE operates as an institution of the Economics Department within the Faculty of Law and Economics of the University of Bonn. The Department's outstanding research program has been aided by large grants from the German National Science Foundation (DFG), specifically in the range of the Sonderforschungsbereiche (SFB) and Graduiertenkollegs (GRK).

Furthermore, students benefit from the collaborative research activities of the BGSE with the Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA) and the Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods (MPI).

Students also have the opportunity to spend one year abroad at one of the partner institutions of the European Doctoral Program in Quantitative Economics (EDP). The coordinated curriculum of Bonn, Barcelona (Universitat Pompeu Fabra), Florence (European University Institute), London (London School of Economics), Louvain-la-Neuve (Université catholique), Paris (École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales), and Tel Aviv provides the opportunity for students to specialize in almost any area of quantitative economics. Moreover, the EDP offers unique access to the traditions and current research of the EDP-institutions.

Tuition & Scholarships

	tuition /social service fee	scholarships
for students entering the BGSE with a master's degree	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> no tuition app. € 170 per semester for general social services (incl. ticket for public transportation) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> app. € 1.100 per month up to the 8th semester
for students entering the BGSE with a bachelor's degree	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> no tuition app. € 170 per semester for general social services (incl. ticket for public transportation) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> app. € 800 per month for the 1st and 2nd year app. € 1.100 per month after the 2nd year until the 9th semester
for students enrolled in the Master of Science in Economics program at the University of Bonn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> total of app. € 820 per semester (tuition and general social service fees incl. ticket for public transportation) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> no scholarships available

As a general rule, grants of the BGSE are offered to students only who remain in good standing.

Admission Requirements

Outstanding (top 10%) students with a university degree (bachelor, master or German diploma) in economics or related fields, such as mathematics, statistics, business administration, accounting, and finance, are encouraged to apply for admission to the BGSE.

The application requires the following documents:

- a form that must be filled in online (www.bgse.uni-bonn.de)
- a letter of motivation
- a short curriculum vitae
- academic transcripts
- two confidential letters (formless) of recommendation from academic teachers
- TOEFL or IELTS score report if English is not your first language or if the language of instruction of your previous degree is not English (curriculum must have been taught exclusively in English)
- GRE score report (General Test Format)

Applicants who have taken the TOEFL and the GRE should ask Educational Testing Service (www.ets.org) to send the score reports directly to the BGSE. The ETS code number of the BGSE is 1359. In case of deadline constraints, applicants may include copies of their TOEFL and GRE score reports with their application.



The application must be sent by regular mail to the BGSE and must arrive by April 30 for entry into the program starting the following October. Applicants will learn the decision of the admission committee by May 31. Applicants who present a detailed offer by another doctoral program may ask the BGSE to reach a decision outside the deadlines.

Students who have received offers from the BGSE are given the opportunity to visit the Economics Department and the BGSE and to talk to faculty members and current students before making a decision.

Living in Bonn

University of Bonn

An almost 200 year history, over 27,000 students and an excellent reputation in Germany and abroad: the University of Bonn, with its strong academic profile, is one of the largest universities in Germany. It is a modern research-oriented university that operates internationally while remaining conscious of its long traditions. Bonn cooperates with numerous other universities and research establishments all over the globe. Living up to its long tradition as a classic university with a full range of courses, Bonn offers about eighty different first degree programs. Students can choose from a wide and modern spectrum of subjects that allows a multiplicity of combinations.

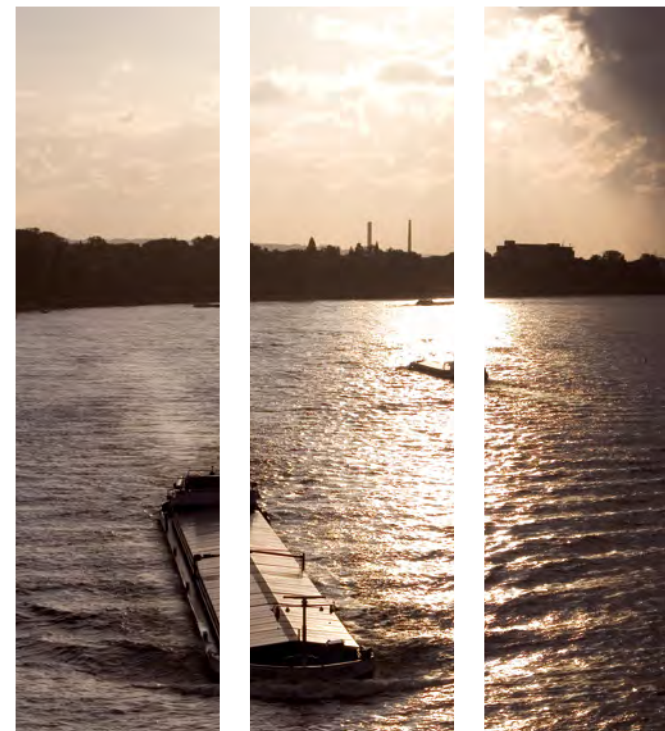
With about 80 million euros in third-party funding, the University of Bonn is at the forefront of research at German universities. Yet the University of Bonn is not only a centre of interdisciplinary and innovative research and teaching; it is at the same time a university with an international perspective. More than 4,000 students from 130 countries are enrolled in Bonn. Their presence underlines the international character of the university and enriches both academic and social life in Bonn.



City of Bonn

Those who visit Bonn are seduced by the charm, elegance and sophistication of the city. And with a population of very welcoming, open minded and kind spirited people, it makes a great impression on the visitor. Foreigners find it easy to live in Bonn as most people in the city speak some English.

When the German Bundestag voted to move its seat and parts of the government to Berlin in 1991, Bonn faced a new challenge. The city rose to it by redefining its role and persuading a number of international organisations, especially United Nations bodies, and major corporations to relocate to Bonn. In addition, Bonn has a plethora of attractions and amenities. The city's most famous son Ludwig van Beethoven is the star attraction of a lively and varied arts and culture scene.





Overview

Type of Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ structured doctoral program in quantitative economics■ degree awarded: Dr. rer. pol. (equivalent to PhD in Economics)■ taught entirely in English
Duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ four to five years (full time) depending on the degree upon entering the BGSE
Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ open to excellent students holding a master's or a bachelor's degree in economics or related fields
Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ for the program starting the following October, the application deadline is April 30
Tuition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ no tuition for doctoral students■ € 820 per semester for master students (incl. social service fee)
Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ grants available for doctoral students of the BGSE who are in good standing

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