

PH.D. STUDIES FOR FOREIGNERS

Economic Research Institute at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences has a long-standing tradition and is a recognized centre for training Bulgarian and foreign PhD students. In order to maintain a high level of PhD training, it is conducted in accordance with the current trends in scientific knowledge in each field according to an established educational programme, combined to the maximum with independent work. The quality of training in the accredited six PhD programmes in the Institute is due to the used modern interactive methods of preparation and training, as well as the experience, competences, international scientific activity and the expert potential of the highly qualified academic staff, the innovative nature of the multidisciplinary current research and applied science projects of the Institute, the versatile publication activity and the conduct of significant international and national scientific forums.

Economic Research Institute at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (ERI-BAS) conducts training of PhD students in PhD programmes, which have received programme accreditation for training for the acquisition of the educational and scientific degree “Doctor” in the professional field 3.8. “Economics”.

Accredited PhD programmes at ERI-BAS are:

- Political Economy (Economics)
- National Economy (including Regional Economics and History of National Economy)
- Finance, Monetary Circulation, Credit and Insurance
- Statistics and Demography
- World Economy and International Economic Relations
- Economics and Management

Admission procedure:

Foreign citizens are admitted as PhD students through a competition by documents in full-time study (with duration 3 years), part-time study (with duration 4 years), and individual study – with consideration of a dissertation project by the applicant (with duration up to 3 years).

The study is carried out in English.

Application terms:

- 1) the applicant should hold a Master’s degree with a diploma with an equivalent overall GPA according to Bulgarian legislation of at least very good (4.50);
- 2) the applicant have prepared the main part of the dissertation on a specific topic (about 60 pages, including idea of topic, subject, object of research, structure) – for applicants for individual study.

Required documents:

- Application letter;
- CV – short biographic data with mentioned address (home and office), phone (home and office), e-mail, knowledge of officially acknowledged international language with attached certificate (if any);
- Copy of the original diploma for graduated higher education (Master's degree) and academic reference (annex to the diploma), if the diploma is from Bulgarian university; or National

Centre for Information and Documentation Certificate for graduated higher education (Master's degree), if the diploma is from foreign university with all the documents presented to the National Centre for Information and Documentation for acquiring the certificate);

- Copy of ID;
- Medical certificate, issued not earlier than 1 month prior the date of applying, translated and notarized by the authorities in the country of origin;
- Criminal record certificate issued not earlier than 1 month prior the date of applying, translated and consular certified in the country from which the person is applying;
- List of scientific publications and works (if any);
- Dissertation project of about 60 pages on paper and digitally;
- Two photos.

In the first year of study, PhD students have to pass 4 exams (Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, English, Information Technology) and 1 exam on the Specialization of the PhD student.

For a successful defence, the PhD student should have published 3 scientific articles on the topic of his/her dissertation (published paper in proceedings of a scientific conference is acceptable), as well as having covered a total of 200 credits, according to the Regulations of the Training Centre (TC) and the Academic Council (AC) at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences and the training contract.

TUITION FEES FOR TRAINING FOREIGN STUDENTS IN ENGLISH

Full-time – 3 years	
Education fee (3 years x 2000 EUR)	6000 EUR
Fee for pre-defence	1000 EUR
Fee for retrial pre-defence	500 EUR
Fee for defence	2000 EUR
Total for the whole training	9500 EUR
Part-time – 4 years	
Education fee (4 years x 2000 EUR)	8000 EUR
Fee for pre-defence	1000 EUR
Fee for retrial pre-defence	500 EUR
Fee for defence	2000 EUR
Total for the whole training	11500 EUR
Individual – 3 years	
Fee for discussing dissertation project for enrolment	1000 EUR
Education fee (3 years x 2000 EUR)	6000 EUR
Fee for pre-defence	1000 EUR
Fee for retrial pre-defence	500 EUR
Fee for defence	2000 EUR
Total for the whole training	10500 EUR

Note: Tuition fees are not fixed and are updated.

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