Call for two scholarships for the official Doctoral programme in Economics of the University of Barcelona for the academic year 2019-2020.

Summary of the official call ¹

This call is directed at new students joining the PhD in Economics in the academic year 2019-2020 who have not received predoctoral financial aid through any official programme. The aim is to facilitate and increase the participation of the finest students in the doctoral programme, in order to promote the training of scholarship recipients in academic fields and involve them in the improvement of the teaching and learning process for university students, providing assistance, preparing study support materials and facilitating their engagement in teaching support activities with master’s students in Economics.

The scholarship period is ten months, from October 2019, and a gross monthly payment of €800 during the academic year 2019-2020 (10 months, from October 2019). These monthly payments will be subject to any withholding tax and employee social security contributions for which the scholarship recipients are liable.

I. Call

1. Two scholarships will be awarded to cover €800 each month for the academic year 2019-2020 (10 months, from October 2019) for new students enrolling in the PhD in Economics for the academic year 2019-2020.

2. The award of the scholarship is regulated according to the selection criteria in clause III of this call.

II. Requirements

1. To be academically admitted (or pending) to the doctoral programme in a full-time category for the academic year 2019-2020 at the moment of the application.

2. To submit all documents required for the administrative access to the doctoral programme before July 19th 2019.

3. To have the administrative access resolution to the doctoral programme at the moment of the resolution of this call (before September 15th, 2019).

4. To be enrolled to the doctoral programme before the scholarship commencement date.

III. Selection criteria

1. The following criteria will be applied in the assessment of each category. The maximum score will be 10 points.

   1.1 Applicants will receive up to 6 points on the basis of the grades received for the degrees granting access to the doctoral programme and applicants’ institution of higher learning.

   1.2 Applicants will receive up to 2 points on the basis of the letters of reference that they provide in the admission process for the doctoral programme.

   1.3 Applicants will receive up to 2 points on the basis of their academic interests.

Applicants may be asked to attend an interview to evaluate their suitability as candidates.

2. Applications will be evaluated by a selection committee on the basis of the criteria described in point 1. The members of the selection committee will be:

   - Chair: Dr Ramon Alemany, Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Business

   Members of the admissions sub-committee:

   - Dr José García-Quevedo
   - Dr Concepció Patxot
   - Dr Elisabet Viladecans

   - Secretary: M. Roser Castellano, manager of the Research Office
   - A student representative from the PhD in Economics

3. A list of the evaluated students will be posted on June 28th 2019. Students’ names will appear in rank order based on their scores according to the above criteria and requirements.

4. The official list of the scholarship recipients and the reserve list will be announced before September 15th 2019.

5. The scholarships will be awarded to the two candidates who have the highest scores according to the above criteria and who also meet the requirements established in the call.

6. Notification of the selected students and the reserve list will be posted on the UB School of Economics web page (http://www.ub.edu/school-economics/phd-in-economics)

IV. Submission of applications

1. The application form must be addressed and sent by email to UB School of Economics (school.economics@ub.edu). The application form is available at:
2. The deadline for submission of the application form is June 5th 2019.

Important note:

Applicants who have fully or partially completed the studies outside of the Spanish university system must send by email to UB School of Economics [school.economics@ub.edu] before June 10th 2019 their equivalency declarations, calculated in accordance with the provisions of the Resolutions of 20 June and 21 July 2016 of the Directorate General for University Policy of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports.


V. Compatibility

1. Incompatibilities are stipulated in Article 29 of the collaboration grants regulations.

2. If the doctoral student receives any other financial aid for the same purpose, one of the scholarships/grants must be explicitly relinquished and any received money must be returned.

3. If a scholarship is relinquished because of incompatibility, the next candidate on the posted reserve list will be selected.

VI. Obligations

1. The award of this scholarship is subject to the completion of enrolment in the PhD in Economics at the Universitat de Barcelona.

2. The recipient must sign the statement of acceptance of the scholarship.

3. The recipient will perform teaching support activities with master’s students in Economics, devoting a total of 50 hours to teaching support tasks for compulsory courses [Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Econometrics and Mathematics].

4. This scholarship is compatible with the possibility of travelling.

5. The recipient will be supervised directly by the Director of the PhD in Economics.

VII. Revocation and withdrawal

If a recipient is found to have concealed or falsified any documentation required for the purposes of application, the awarded scholarship can be revoked and withdrawn by means of a formal revocation procedure.
VIII. Dissemination

This call and resolution will be published at the UB School of Economics website [http://www.ub.edu/school-economics/phd-in-economics] and the University of Barcelona electronic office [https://seu.ub.edu/index.gsp?lang=en]

IX. Queries and clarification

All doubt about this call should be sent to school.economics@ub.edu.