

Application

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Application for admission opens on November 1 in the year prior to the year of admission and closes on February 28 in the year of admission.

Tuition Fees

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General Information

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PhD (Economics)





Overview & Programme Goals

The PhD (Economics) programme at SMU is a research degree programme designed to equip graduates with rigorous knowledge of economic analysis and applications at the doctoral level, for diverse careers in academia, industry, public sector and international organizations.

Our programme is taught by well qualified researchers. Apart from regular faculty who obtained their PhD from top international universities, the programme is also taught by eminent visiting faculty.



Programme Structure & Curriculum

This is a full-time programme of normally 48 months, with one admission each year in August. To be admitted into the programme, an applicant must hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited university.

The curriculum consists of core courses, elective courses, Advanced Research Topic courses and a thesis. Students are required to complete:

- 4 core courses (Econometrics I, Microeconomics I, Macroeconomics I and Mathematics for Economics) in Year 1 Term 1,
- 3 core courses (Econometrics II, Microeconomics II and Macroeconomics II) and 1 elective course in Year 1 Term 2,
- 8 Advanced Research Topic courses in the remaining three years,
- Thesis completion by Year 4.

Apart from the course exams, there is a Qualifying Exam in Term 2 of Year 1. Elective and Advanced Research Topic courses offered include the following:

- Topics in Macroeconomics
- Public Economics
- Industrial Organization
- Financial Econometrics
- International Trade/Finance
- Panel Data Econometrics

Admission Requirements

Good Bachelor's degree and GRE (or GMAT) results.



TOEFL/IELTS

Proficiency in the English language is required. Applicants whose undergraduate medium of instruction was not in English are to sit for either TOEFL or IELTS.

Scholarship

Scholarships are available to candidates for the programme. Students on scholarship will receive a monthly stipend of S\$2,300 before the Qualifying Exam and S\$2,800 after passing the Qualifying Exam, for a period of up to 48 months, in addition to a payment for the tuition fee. They are expected to be teaching/research assistants during the term of the scholarship. There will not be additional pay for the teaching/research assistantships. The continuation of the award of scholarship is subject to satisfactory progress of the student.

Unsuccessful applicants for the PhD (Economics) programme may be offered to do MSc (Economics). MSc students on scholarship will receive a monthly stipend of S\$1,500 for up to 24 months, in addition to a payment for tuition fee. Students who do well in the MSc programme may be considered for transfer to the PhD programme.