

Doctoral Assistant Position (Ph.D.) in Economics

The [Institute of Economics \(IdEP\)](#) at the [Faculty of Economics](#) of the [Università della Svizzera italiana \(USI\), Lugano \(Switzerland\)](#), invites applications for a full-time Doctoral Assistant position (Ph.D.). Applications received by **January 15, 2020** will be given priority. The starting date is July 1, 2020, but an earlier or later date is possible. Ph.D. courses start the last week of August 2020.

The working environment is very attractive (including infrastructure and remuneration for teaching and research assistance). The focus of our Ph.D. students is their doctoral research and the completion of related Ph.D. courses.

[The Ph.D. Program in Economics at USI](#). In advancing to the Ph.D. degree, students pass through two major stages, course work (years 1 and 2) and the completion of a dissertation.

Year 1 is devoted to developing a strong foundation in the basic tools of economics, including full-year courses in microeconomics, macroeconomics, and econometrics ([core courses](#)). Successful candidates are required to apply by [April 15, 2020](#) to the [Swiss Program for Beginning Doctoral Students in Economics](#) at the [Study Center Gerzensee](#) of the Swiss National Bank (SNB). In the first year, successful candidates will devote most of their work time to this program. Successful completion of the program satisfies the 1st-year course requirements. The [application](#) requires candidates to submit their [GRE test scores](#) by [March 15, 2020](#).

Year 2 is devoted to *deepening courses* to bring successful candidates to the research frontier of their field(s) of interest. Starting from year 2, in addition to doctoral work, successful candidates will provide part-time assistance in the institute's research projects and/or teaching activities.

Years 3 and beyond are devoted to completing the dissertation, which consists of at least three original research papers. Successful candidates will present their research progresses regularly to their supervisor(s) and in informal seminars to the rest of the faculty and doctoral students, who will provide constructive feedback that will improve the research.

The ideal candidates have, or are upon completion of, a Master's degree in Economics, Econometrics or a related field. Candidates with an interest in quantitative empirical research and knowledge of programming languages (e.g., R, Python, Julia) will be given a strong preference.

Applications should be sent to: idep.eco@usi.ch.

Candidates should include the following information:

1. A complete CV.
2. A transcript of your university education (Master's Degree or equivalent).
3. The names of two academic references that could be contacted for more information.
4. A personal statement giving concrete evidence of your promise as a member of the academic community and providing the selection committee an image of you as a person.
5. Your GRE test score (if available).

Owing to the large number of enquiries received, only those applicants whose profiles are likely to fit the positions will be notified for further details and eventual interviews. Qualified applicants will be interviewed starting from January 16, 2020.

For further information please contact the Ph.D. director, [Prof. Lorenz Kueng](#): lorenz.kueng@usi.ch