



PhD in Economics

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- International faculty with prestigious PhD degrees
- Students from more than 30 countries
- Study stays at top American and European universities
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PhD Program

The Western-style PhD program is designed for outstanding students who desire a rigorous graduate education in Economics at a prestigious research institution.

The PhD degree program has a permanent charter issued in the United States, and is fully accredited in the Czech Republic.

A first-rate PhD program. The fact that CERGE-EI has such high quality students with such diverse backgrounds makes it unique in the world.

Joseph Stiglitz, Professor, Columbia University
Former Chief Economist, The World Bank
2001 Nobel Laureate in Economics

International Faculty

CERGE-EI faculty members are outstanding researchers who publish widely across a broad range of fields in theoretical and applied economics. They hold PhDs from prestigious institutions including Princeton University, the University of Chicago, the London School of Economics, the Johns Hopkins University, and University College London.



Students from more than 30 Countries

CERGE-EI students come from more than 30 countries, mainly in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. They have diverse academic backgrounds including economics, mathematics, physics, engineering, information technology, sociology, and law.

Tuition Waivers and Stipends

Students are typically awarded full tuition waivers for the entire duration of the program, and receive performance-based stipends to cover their living expenses.

Study Stays at US and European Universities

A unique feature of the program is its support for mobility, which allows students to conduct part of their dissertation research working with experts in their fields at leading universities in Western Europe and North America.

Eligibility Criteria

- Strong background in mathematics.
- Masters degree or equivalent.
- Bachelors may apply directly (if exceptionally well-qualified) or to the Master's program in Economic Theory at the Institute of Economic Studies, Charles University, which allows them to transfer to the PhD in Economics program at CERGE-EI.

Documents Required

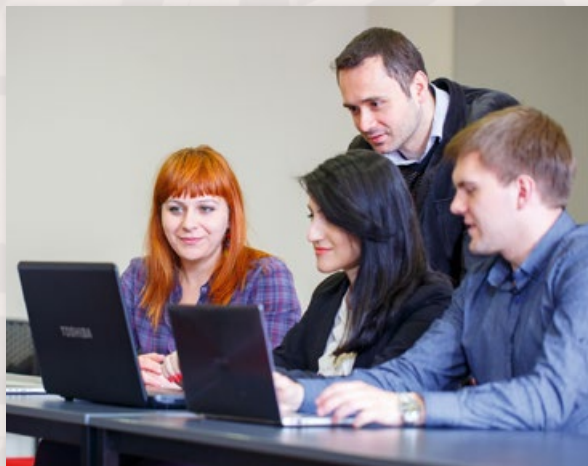
- Application form
- Curriculum vitae
- Statement of motivation
- Certified copies of BA and MA diplomas and transcripts
- Two letters of recommendation
- Optional: TOEFL, IELTS, or other certified English language exam score / GRE or other proficiency test score

Application Deadline: April 30

No application fee

Admissions Process

- Documents are evaluated by the CERGE-EI Admissions Committee.
- Students may be admitted directly or invited to the summer Preparatory Semester for intensive training in intermediate Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, and Mathematics.
- Approximately 30 students are admitted each year.



Duration

2 years of master's level coursework, followed by approximately 2–4 years of supervised PhD dissertation research

Start Date

Fall every year

Location

Prague, Czech Republic

CERGE-EI

The Center for Economic Research and Graduate Education – Economics Institute is a joint workplace of Charles University in Prague and the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, dedicated to advancing the frontiers of economic research and graduate education.

Despite its small size, CERGE-EI has achieved global impact and reputation by producing frontier economics research. Economics know-how and expertise is shared through public lectures, seminars, symposia, conferences, top journal publications and policy-oriented studies.

International Recognition

The Social Science Research Network (SSRN) places CERGE-EI among the top 3% of 1500 Economics Departments and Research Centers worldwide. Research Papers in Economics (RePEc) has ranked CERGE-EI among the top 5% of more than 6000 economic institutions worldwide for the last 10 years.

Successful Alumni

CERGE-EI graduates are employed in more than 30 countries. They typically pursue academic careers in prestigious university departments around the world, or hold high-level positions in international organizations including The World Bank, IMF, EBRD, ILO, UNDP, OECD, government ministries and central banks, think-tanks, and private-sector organizations including major banks and consulting firms.

Programs

CERGE-EI offers Western-style graduate education in economics taught in English – PhD in Economics and MA in Applied Economics. It also has two study abroad programs for US undergraduate students – the Undergraduate Program in Central European Studies (UPCES) and the International Economics and Finance program (IEF).

CERGE-EI has had a transformative effect on teaching and learning about economics. If we had another five such organizations in equally key parts of the world, the prospects for global economics theory, empirics and policy would be greatly enhanced.

Simon Johnson, Professor, MIT
Former Director of Research, IMF

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