PhD PROGRAM

EPGE BRAZILIAN SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND FINANCE (FGV EPGE)
The mission of the EPGE Brazilian School of Economics and Finance (FGV EPGE) is to contribute to the expansion of economic knowledge and to provide our students with the necessary skills to develop solid careers as professional economists. Following these principles, the PhD program is designed for students who wish to pursue a career in academia or to assume outstanding positions in government, research institutions or business enterprises. Our challenging doctoral program combines coursework, seminars and independent research in order to prepare top-notch economists.

THE PROGRAM: Our PhD program closely follows the structure of top international universities. During the first year, students undertake a rigorous and thorough training in economic theory (Microeconomics, Macroeconomics and Econometrics). The first-year courses intend to provide our students with the adequate background to pursue further in-depth field courses.

The second year is devoted to the fields of specialization. We currently offer seven fields: economic theory, econometrics, finance, applied microeconomics, development and growth, monetary economics, and international economics. Students select six elective courses while satisfying the requirements to complete two majors (two courses within each specific field). In addition, students are required to take four advanced courses: Advanced Economic Theory (I and II), Game Theory and one econometrics course.

The following years are dedicated to full-time research and to the PhD dissertation. Students actively participate in department life. They attend seminars given by prominent academics and present their ongoing research in junior seminars.

Our faculty covers a broad range of research interests. Regardless of your interest, the chances are good that you will find someone on the faculty to guide you. Researchers interact closely with students, and the low student-faculty ratio strongly encourages students to engage in co-authored work.

Our academic seminars cover the whole spectrum of economics. This diversification intends to find the right balance between good general economic research culture and the specialization needed for effective research. Top scholars from both domestic and international communities are often invited speakers at the seminars. In the last several years, FGV EPGE hosted seminars by Nobel-Prize Laureates James Heckman (2011, 2012), Robert Engle (2011, 2012), Christopher Sims (2013), Edward Prescott (2013), Robert Lucas Jr. (2013, 2016), John Nash (2014) and Eric Maskin (2014, 2016).

PLACEMENT: The success of our graduate program is reflected in our graduates’ solid job placement record. Our placements include top-ranked research universities and positions in the financial services sector, multinational companies, governmental institutions, and multilateral agencies.
A PLEASANT LOCATION: Rio de Janeiro is the second-largest city in Brazil and the most visited one in Latin America. The city features a wealth of cultural, historic and recreation areas. EPGE benefits from a privileged location, facing the beautiful Baía de Guanabara (Guanabara Bay).

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: A master’s degree is not required for admission to our PhD program. Students with an undergraduate degree in economics or in quantitative areas (such as mathematics, statistics, engineering, etc.) are strongly encouraged to apply.

Prospective applicants may find additional information on our PhD program by visiting the website.

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