

European Ph.D in “Socio-Economics and Statistical Studies”

Pre-Call for Applications – Academic Session 2017/2018

A sketch of the program

The Department of Economics and Law of Sapienza University of Rome invites pre-applications to the European PhD Program in Socio-Economics and Statistical Studies (Sess.EuroPhD).

Sess.EuroPhD is an international, interdisciplinary graduate programme in the areas of Economics, Statistics and Economic Sociology, co-ordinated by the “Eötvös Loránd” University of Budapest. The following partner universities are currently admitting and tutoring Sess.EuroPhD candidates:

- Humboldt University of Berlin, Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences (www.hu-berlin.de)
- Eötvös Loránd University of Budapest, Faculty of Social Sciences (www.elte.hu)
- University of Haifa, Faculty of Social Sciences (www.haifa.ac.il)
- Sapienza University of Rome, Department of Economics and Law (www.uniroma1.it)
- University of Southampton, School of Social Sciences (www.soton.ac.uk)
- University of Tampere, Faculty of Economics and Administration (www.uta.fi)
- High School of Economics of Moscow, Faculty of Sociology (<http://sh.spb.hse.ru/en/soc/>)

Sess.EuroPhD is founded on a world-class faculty and is characterized by an extremely low student-faculty ratio. Students have access to a broad range of courses through several departments in Sapienza’s Graduate Schools of Economics and Statistics. In the first year, students take core courses and comprehensive examinations at the end of the year. First year courses includes Math, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Behavioral and Welfare Economics, General Sociology, Applied Statistics and Econometrics (for the comprehensive list of subjects, visit our [website](#)). In subsequent years, students take courses and work with faculty to complete their Ph.D dissertation. Normally, most students take 3/4 years from their date of entry to complete their Ph.D studies at Sapienza.

Financial support

For the academic year 2017/2018, Sapienza University offers 2 fully-funded positions, and 1 position without financial allowance. The 2 scholarships will be awarded to the highest ranked applicants, and they will cover the whole duration of the program, i.e. 3 years. **Each scholarship pays a grant of 13,638 € (gross) yearly**, and can be **increased up to 50%** for PhD students visiting one of our partner university across Europe. The number of scholarships may increase if sponsorships on specific research projects become available. There will also be allowances for short-period mobility both in and outside Italy (from the second year on).

Recruitment procedure

The research interests of potential candidates have to fall into one of the scientific field covered by the Sess.EuroPhD. Particularly welcome are research projects in the fields of Welfare Economics, Socio-

Economics, Labor Economics, Applied Economics, Behavioral Economics and Experimental Economics. The preference expressed at early stages is not binding. More information concerning the Sess.EuroPhD program in Rome can be found at the following link: <https://web.uniroma1.it/europhd/>

Candidates are supposed to have a solid background in Economics and Statistics, and will be evaluated according to their academic qualifications. Specifically, the evaluation procedure will follow the following 3 steps.

Step 1 (Pre-Application). Candidates can pre-apply to the Sess.EuroPhD program by filling the **form** available at the end of this document. No application fee is due at this stage. The completely filled-in Pre-Application form must then be sent with the documents listed below (check the section “Qualifications and Documents” of this document) by e-mail to: sess@uniroma1.it. **The deadline** for applying is **May 31 2017**. By **June 20 2017**, all applicants will be informed (by e-mail) as to whether they are encouraged to pursue with step 2. In such a case, no further documents under the heading “Qualifications and Documents” in the Call for Applications are required (see below).

Step 2. (Application) The official Call for Applications (“Bando di Concorso”) is expected to be published in the Italian Official Journal (Gazzetta Ufficiale) in July/August 2016 and also posted on the Sapienza’s ([click here](#)) and Sess.EuroPhD’s website ([click here](#)). Candidates who have been encouraged to get through step 2, will be invited (by e-mail) to submit a new and official application form. No further documents under the heading “Qualifications and Documents” in the Call for Applications need to be sent at that step. However, to get through step 2, all invited candidates are required to pay a **30€ fee (the payment of the fee is mandatory)**. Details of payment will be made available in the official Call for Applications.

Step 3. (Interview). Based on CV information and all “Qualifications and documents” sent by applicants, the Admissions Selection Committee will assign an overall ranking based on a summative impression of each application. The ranking will then be used to invite candidates for an interview. The invitation will be sent to the e-mail address submitted in the pre-application form. Interviews will take place at the Department of Economics and Law, via del Castro Laurenziano 9 I-00161 Rome, on September 15 2017. In the two weeks leading up to the interview, students will receive detailed information about the interview day.

Admission Criteria

Pre-Applications will be accepted from applicants of all ages and nationalities who hold:

- Either an Italian degree (Diploma di laurea quadriennale, laurea specialistica, laurea magistrale) in Economics, Business Administration, Sociology and Statistics, or an Italian degree obtained according to current regulations (Ministerial Decree of 3 November, 1999, n. 509 and its subsequent amendments and supplements);
- A foreign academic qualification already recognized as equivalent by academic authorities (or recognized in accordance with inter-university agreements of co-operation and mobility) in Economics, Business Administration, Sociology and Statistics;
- A foreign academic qualification in scientific fields akin to Economics, Business Administration, Sociology and Statistics that has not yet been recognized equivalent to an Italian degree, provided that the applicant will include all the necessary documents to reach a decision regarding equivalence.

Pre-Applications may also be submitted by candidates of all nationalities who have not yet graduated but who expect to receive their degree by October 31 2017. In such a case, admission to the program is

conditional on the submission of valid certification of the degree obtained by the candidate. Should this not occur, her/his application will be automatically invalidated.

Qualifications and Documents

The following documents **must** be included along with a filled-up copy of the pre-application form (see the attached form at the end of this document):

- A copy of an updated CV/résumé;
- For graduated applicants, a **certificate of an acceptable Italian or foreign degree**, plus a **transcript** including the final overall grade granted as well as the complete list of courses attended and grades received;
- For not-yet graduated applicants (i.e. those who expect to get graduated by October 31 2017), a **certificate of enrolment** to one of the acceptable Italian degree programs or to a foreign academic program, plus a **transcript including courses attended and grades received**;
- **Certification of further qualifications**, such as a Master degree and any other post-graduate course, with transcripts of courses attended and grades received;
- A Statement of Purpose concerning PhD studies and career objectives (no more than 500 words);
- Two confidential **letters of recommendation**, to be sent directly by the recommenders to the following e-mail address: sess@uniroma1.it;
- **Copies of publications** the candidate wishes to submit to the selection committee (no more than 3 published papers/books/reports with ISSN or ISBN);
- A **Research Project** in which the candidate concisely spells out the research agenda for his PhD studies (no more than 700 words).

Non-compulsory documents that can increase the likelihood of a successful application

- GMAT or GRE;
- one of the following language certifications obtained not before the 1st of January 2010: FCE; CAE; CPE; BEC; BRITISH CHAMBER of COMMERCE; TRINITY COLLEGE; TOEFL; IELTS (**only for non-native speaker of English**).

Each applicant must communicate her/his skype contact for allowing the selection committee to contact her/him for a skype interview, if deemed necessary.

Sapienza University of Rome does not take any responsibility in case of mailing delays or of documents loss due to incorrect or incomplete handling by candidates.

Information concerning the composition of the Selection Committee, the selection procedure, Scholarships, Rights and Duties of Doctoral Students, Awarding of degrees, Acts, and other relevant issues are contained in the official call, which will be published in the Italian Official Journal (Gazzetta Ufficiale) and uploaded to the Ph.D. website in due time.

For further information on the Pre-Application and Application procedures, please do not hesitate to contact our Admin Office at: sess@uniroma1.it

EUROPEAN PHD IN SOCIO-ECONOMICS AND STATISTICAL STUDIES

Pre-Application Form
ACADEMIC YEAR 2016/2017

All fields marked with an asterisk (*) are required

1. Your E-mail address:* _____

PERSONAL DATA

2. Family name:* _____

3. Name:* _____

4. Maiden name (if different): _____

5. Place of birth:* _____ 6. Date of birth (DD/MM/YY):* _____

7. Country of birth:* _____ 8. Gender* M F

9. Citizenship:* _____ 10. Permanent address:* _____

11. City:* _____ 12. Postcode:* _____ 13. Country:* _____

EDUCATION

14. Degree in:* _____

15. Released by the University of:* _____

16. On (date DD/MM/YY):* _____

17. Degree pending (expected date DD/MM/YY): _____

18. Other Degrees:*

Master degree

Other post-lauream degrees

19. If you have post-lauream degrees different than a Master, please specify which ones*

PREVIOUS RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

20. Have you ever been enrolled in a PhD program before?*

yes

no

21. If yes, in which program (please specify which university)?

22. Have you ever worked in research or have you ever participated in research program before?*

yes

no

23. If yes, which research field have you worked in (please specify your role)?



24. Have you published papers already?*

- yes no

25. How many published papers do you have?

- 1 2 3 more than 3

26. Please give us the reference details

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE

27. Street and number: * _____
28. postcode: * _____
29. City: * _____
30. Country: * _____
31. Telephone/mobile contact _____
32. Email: * _____
33. Skype Contact: * _____

Confirm that you undertake to inform the Doctoral School immediately if any of these details change.

- I confirm

Confirm that you undertake to send all the documents listed in the section "Qualifications and Documents" of the CALL FOR PREAPPLICATION by email to: sess@uniroma1.it

- I confirm

Date _____

Signature _____