

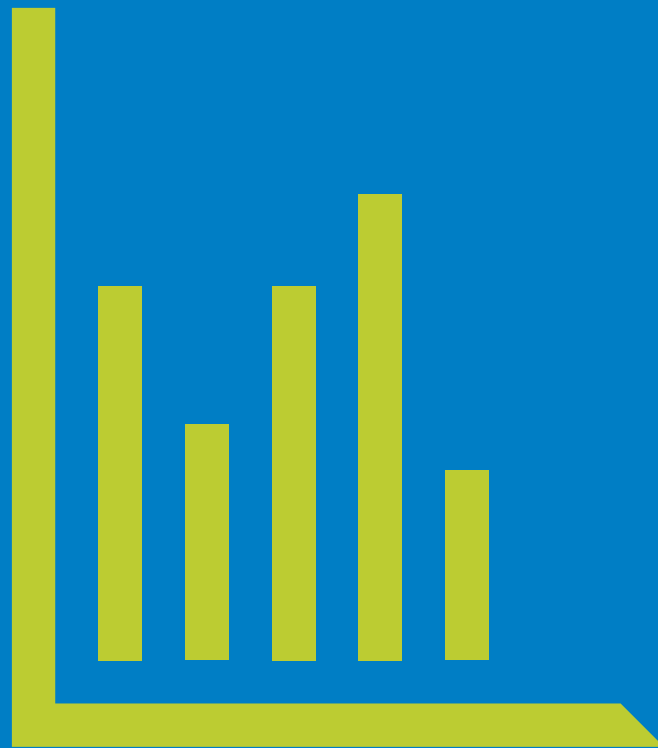
PhD



PHD PROGRAMME



GHENT
UNIVERSITY



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BENEFITS OF A DOCTOR'S DEGREE AT THE FACULTY OF ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

- Acquire real in-depth **KNOWLEDGE**
- Learn to **COLLABORATE** with colleagues in a research team, but enjoy the **FREEDOM** to conduct independent research
- Sharpen your **CREATIVITY**
- Learn to be **OPEN TO CRITICISM**
- Gain **INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE** at one of the best research institutes worldwide (62nd place in Shanghai Ranking)
- **IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS** (time management, communication skills, presentation skills, project management, writing skills, international experience, stress resistance, responsibility, leadership, teaching skills, pitching, collaboration, entrepreneurship, reporting, ...)
- **ASSURE YOUR FUTURE** in an academic and/or professional business environment

THREE PHD DEGREES AND A DOCTORAL TRAINING PROGRAMME

The Faculty of Economics and Business Administration of Ghent University offers you the opportunity to start a PhD programme in a wide range of research areas. We offer three different PhD degrees, where you will be guided by senior professors:

- **Doctor of Economics**
- **Doctor of Business Economics**
- **Doctor of Public Administration and Management**

Ghent University offers a **Doctoral Training Programme** at the Doctoral Schools. PhD candidates can select different courses and seminars to develop additional skills.

For doctoral students preparing a **doctorate in Business Economics** or a **doctorate in Public Administration and Management** the doctoral training programme consists of:

1. three **oral presentations** or posters on national or international conferences;
2. three to six **specialist training courses** organized or acknowledged by the Doctoral School, and
3. three **transferable skill trainings** organized or acknowledged by the Doctoral School, chosen from the following clusters: 'Communication skills', 'Research & Valorisation', 'Leadership & Personal efficiency' and 'Career management'.

For doctoral students preparing a **doctorate in Economics** the doctoral training programme consists of:

1. three **oral presentations** or posters on national or international conferences;
2. five **specialist training courses** organized or acknowledged by the Doctoral School, including at least two of the three basic course units in advanced micro-economics, advanced macro-economics and advanced econometrics, and
3. three **transferable skill trainings** organized or acknowledged by the Doctoral School, chosen from the following clusters: 'Communication skills', 'Research & Valorisation', 'Leadership & Personal efficiency' and 'Career management'.



ADMISSION REQUIREMENT FOR THE DOCTORATE

YOU ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE

→ ACADEMIC SKILLS

a master's degree (or equivalent), preferably in economics, business administration, business engineering, public administration or management, or equivalent academic contents

→ ENGLISH SKILLS

a minimum CEF-level B2 of English is required for the doctoral training programme and the doctorate

→ FINANCIAL MEANS

sufficient funds to start your research at Ghent University (scholarship, self-funding, ...)



Your admission to the Ghent University PhD programme is conditional upon admission requirements as stated in www.ugent.be/en/research/doctoralresearch

In some cases, holders of a foreign degree who apply for admission to obtain a doctoral degree, may be required to do a predoctoral training programme under the supervision of a tutor assigned by the faculty.

RESEARCH PERIOD

IT USUALLY TAKES FOUR TO FIVE YEARS TO OBTAIN A PHD DEGREE AT GHENT UNIVERSITY.

- 1ST YEAR
Presentation of a detailed thesis proposal to be evaluated and approved.
- 2ND AND FOLLOWING YEARS
Development of thesis proposal. Presentation of annual progress reports and one of your papers at the yearly faculty PhD Day.
- READING AND DEFENCE
Oral examination before a panel of examiners.

You are required to have sufficient funding for your stay at Ghent University.

Scholarship or grants can be found through traditional sources of funding, like the Erasmus Mundus Scholarship Program, IMPAKT, the LPDP Programme, etc.

Ghent University (BOF), as well as some other Belgian funding agencies, do also provide a limited number of scholarships or grants (www.ugent.be/en/research/funding). With the approval of a professor at Ghent University and under the indicated admission conditions you may apply for these. Note however that only the very best applications may be funded.

A joint PhD can be established between Ghent University and a cooperating institution of higher education. In that case, both institutions share the responsibilities of supervising, coordination and examining the researcher's work towards a PhD degree. The doctoral candidate must carry out research at each institution for at least six months. The degree awarded can be either a joint degree (one diploma signed by each institution) or a double degree (two diplomas, with the name of the partnering institution clearly mentioned so they cannot be mistaken for two separate degrees). (www.ugent.be/en/education/degree/practical/studentadmin/enrolment/doctorate/joint-phd)

ADMISSION PROCEDURE

STUDENTS WHO WANT TO PURSUE A PHD AT THE FACULTY OF ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION ON THE BASIS OF A FOREIGN DEGREE HAVE TO COMPLETE A SPECIFIC ADMISSION PROCEDURE.

For general questions about the procedure, please contact damien.decorte@ugent.be

1. Choose a research topic.
2. Find a Ghent University professor in that specific research field. Get an overview of our faculty research areas at www.ugent.be/eb/en/research. Look at the scientific publications of the professor.
3. Write a research proposal of one page that matches with the professor's research interests.
4. Send it to the professor along with your curriculum vitae, containing your study results (and GRE, TOEFL or other test results if you have them). Also include a letter of motivation describing your qualities, plans, and why you choose this topic.
5. Add details about your available funding or about how you aim to obtain funding.
6. Add the name of people who are willing to act as reference.
7. The professor you contacted may ask further details, e.g. a longer research plan, a letter of recommendation. If he or she is willing to act as your supervisor for your intended PhD research, the professor can provide you a PhD Supervisor Acceptance Letter.
8. Your PhD supervisor will start the application procedure which you will have to complete online. (<https://www.ugent.be/phd/en>)
9. The Faculty Council will decide whether or not to make the doctoral training programme compulsory. You and your supervisor may submit a motivated request to obtain a decision of non-obligation.
10. Enrol as a PhD student at the Registrar's Office. (<https://www.ugent.be/en/research/doctoralresearch/enrolment-doctorate>)

TUITION FEES

(as applicable in 2019-2020; may be subject to changes)

• first enrolment:	940 euro
• yearly re-enrolment:	0 euro
• defence:	940 euro

BENCH FEES

(as applicable in 2019-2020; may be subject to changes)

For non-EU doctoral students with own funding or external funding, an annual bench fee of 4.480 euro, 21% VAT exclusive, is imposed to cover (part of) the operational costs. In case of a joint or double PhD, the bench fee may be charged proportionally, depending on the residence time at Ghent University. Doctoral candidates with external or own funding are advised to have clear agreement with their supervisor on the amount to be paid for the bench fee.

RESEARCH AREAS

Accounting and Finance
SME Financing and Performance
Corporate Reporting and Performance Evaluation
Economics
Public Finance
Labour Economics and Welfare
Macroeconomics, Policy and Econometrics
International Trade, Investment and Migration
Environmental Economics
Banking and Finance
Management
Entrepreneurship and Innovation
Service Management
Human Resource Management and Organizational Behavior
Operations Research/Management
Business Informatics
Public Management
Marketing
Consumer Behavior
Business Analytics

www.ugent.be/eb/en/research

ALUMNI
TESTIMONIALS

MICHEL BALLINGS

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF BUSINESS ANALYTICS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE (KNOXVILLE), USA
GHENT UNIVERSITY PHD IN BUSINESS ECONOMICS IN 2014

‘My PhD experience at the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Ghent University, has been an excellent one. The programme is dedicated to providing **candidates with the intellectual and professional capabilities needed to pursue research and teaching careers at major universities**. A major strength is the strong research focus. Candidates start research from day one, and take coursework in function of their research. An advisor will offer guidance throughout the entire process and s/he will enable and help the candidate in his/her steps towards earning a PhD, and building a research portfolio with the ultimate goal of securing a job in academia.’

ALEXEI KARAS

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AT UNIVERSITY COLLEGE ROOSEVELT, NETHERLANDS
GHENT UNIVERSITY PHD IN ECONOMICS IN 2008

‘I enjoyed tons of support during my PhD years at the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration: few teaching/ administrative obligations, and thus abundant time to **focus on research**; funded conference visits; regular research seminars by top notch economists; inspiring and knowledgeable supervisor; stimulating atmosphere and colleagues.’

HAUKE VIERKE

ECONOMIC ANALYST AT THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION, BRUSSELS
JOINT PHD IN ECONOMICS AT GHENT UNIVERSITY AND UNIVERSITY OF GÖTTINGEN, GERMANY, IN 2015

‘I initially started my PhD studies in Germany and joined Ghent University as part of a joint PhD agreement. Coming to Ghent was clearly one of the best decisions during my PhD years. The Faculty of Economics and Business Administration offers an excellent environment where young researchers are encouraged to develop and pursue their own academic interests. I have greatly benefited from discussing ideas with senior researchers, but also with other motivated PhD students. Most importantly, people at the faculty made me feel welcome from the first moment on. The administrative staff are very friendly and eager to help international students. Finally, it is easy to fall in love with the beautiful city of Ghent. **I highly recommend coming here as an international PhD student.**’

RESEARCH AT GHENT UNIVERSITY

Ghent University occupies a special position in the Flemish university landscape. It advertises itself as a **socially committed and pluralistic university** that is open to all students regardless of their ideological, political, cultural and social background. Ghent University wants to form critical students in a creative development-oriented learning and research environment.

Ghent University offers a wide range of high-quality, research-based courses they want to align permanently on the latest scientific developments and pursues to play a **leading role in fundamental and unfettered scientific research**. It wants to be an entrepreneurial university with a focus on the social and economic application of its research results.

In the last eight years, Ghent University has risen from the 122nd to the **62nd place in the Academic Ranking of World Universities**, the so called Shanghai Ranking. Our graduates enjoy a **high reputation** among international employers.

Our PhD programme prepares students for the **academic job market**. In the past PhD graduates of our faculty found employment at leading universities and academic research institutions and major international organizations and government institutions, such as the European Commission, the Federal Planning Bureau of Belgium, the National Bank of Belgium and the most prestigious international management consulting firms.



CITY OF GHENT

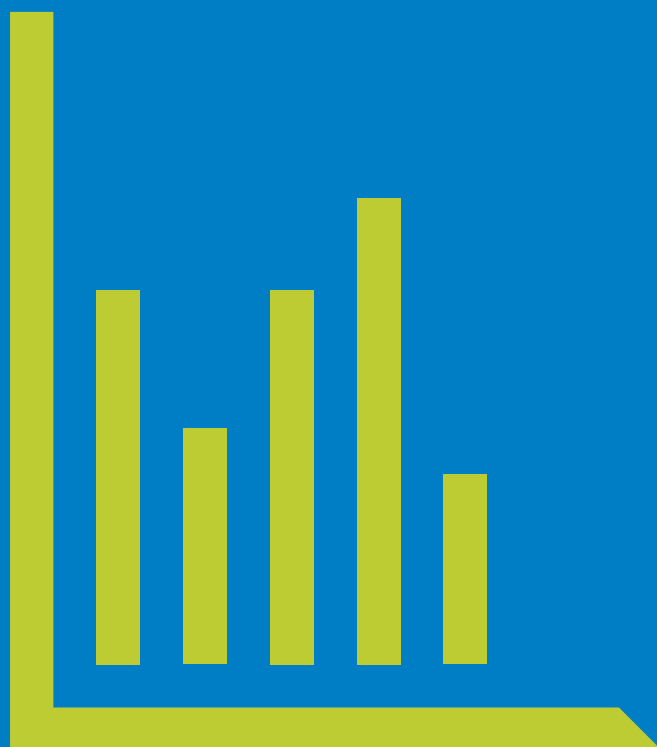
With over 70,000 students Ghent is the largest student city in Flanders, which has much to offer to the students. Ghent has not only a historical city core, the town also offers a wide variety of contemporary art and culture. The port is the engine of economic activity and because of its scientific reputation, Ghent moreover is the ideal environment for creativity and innovation in areas such as biotechnology, bio-energy and ICT.

Due to the presence of a university and colleges, the city offers a range of study options. The campuses are located throughout the city and the students become a part of the identity of the city.

Ghent is the place to be for Belgian and international students, who give a boost to the economy and contribute to the identity of Ghent as a youthful city, a city of creativity, knowledge and innovation. Many of them stay in Ghent after their studies to work and live there or to start their own business.

The Lonely Planet has called Ghent "Europe's best kept secret" and a must see destination. **National Geographic Traveler Magazine** has listed this city as the most authentic historic city in the world which is full of life.





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