



# PhD BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

The Stockholm School of Economics (SSE) is one of Europe’s leading business schools. We have been ranked as the no.1 business school in the Nordic countries over fifteen years in a row by the Financial Times.



The PhD program in Business Administration at SSE prepares our graduates to be successful researchers or to advance in their chosen careers. Our faculty members who are active in the area of Business Administration are excellent teachers who keep up-to-date on their disciplines through research and publication. The doctoral program fosters close interaction between students and faculty, and every doctoral student belongs to a research group specializing in a particular field of research.

## PHD PROGRAM IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

**5** YEARS | **240** ECTS

The 240 ECTS credits of the program are divided into a course component (90 ECTS) and a dissertation component (150 ECTS). A specially designed course program, Stockholm-Uppsala Business Studies (SUBS), is run jointly with Uppsala University and the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences and offers four mandatory courses (30 ECTS) in the first year of the program. You will be supervised by one SSE faculty member (primary supervisor) from the beginning of the program. After you have submitted a dissertation proposal in the second year, you will work with a supervision committee of several professors to complete your PhD dissertation. Research and conference travel is encouraged within the program.

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching experience is an integral part of the PhD program in Business Administration, and you are strongly encouraged to do some teaching from the second year. Successful completion of teaching entitles you to a fifth year in the program, which is otherwise 4 years (240 ECTS).

### WE HAVE SPECIALIZED RESEARCH AREAS IN:

- Accounting and Managerial Finance
- Entrepreneurship, Innovation & Technology
- Management and Organization
- Marketing, Strategy, and International Business

“With its broad network, SSE offers great research opportunities and remains at the forefront of the fast-changing business climate. Research is the act of exploring your personal curiosities and at SSE’s PhD program in Business Administration, I have the opportunity to explore these curiosities. The program provides me with an encouraging environment to pursue my interests together with amazing colleagues and internationally recognized scholars.”



**Anders Björklund**  
PhD student in Business Administration  
Department of Accounting

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## PROGRAM STRUCTURE

YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	(YEAR 5)
SUBS Mandatory courses (30 ECTS)	Thesis work (150 ECTS)			Defense
	Elective courses (60 ECTS)			

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

### 1) PROVEN ACADEMIC RECORD

We require a university level degree and one year of Master level studies or the equivalent.

### 2) BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COURSES

In order to be eligible for the PhD program in Business Administration, you need to have at least three semesters of business administration courses (90 ECTS) including a thesis worth at least 15 ECTS.

### 3) GMAT OR GRE TEST

Although we do not formally require it, all applicants are highly recommended to take either the GMAT or GRE test. There is no minimum score requirement for any of the tests.

### 4) PROOF OF PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH

Unless you are a native English speaker or have undertaken a university study program in English, you need to provide evidence of your English proficiency. We prefer that you take the TOEFL test, but the IELTS test may also be taken. There is no minimum score requirement for any of the tests.

### 5) MOTIVATION & SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- Resume/full CV
- Photocopy of your valid passport
- Official Transcripts for College/University Degrees and Courses, and Degree Certificates
- A Statement of Purpose: a statement concerning your plans for PhD studies, your research interests and experiences and your career objectives
- Two contacts for recommendation

## TUITION FEES

SSE does not charge tuition fees for the PhD programs. All admitted PhD students receive a scholarship from the SSE, and are guaranteed funding throughout the PhD program, conditional upon satisfactory performance.

## 5 REASONS TO CHOOSE SSE

Why do a PhD at SSE? These are our top 5 reasons.



TOP INTERNATIONAL RANKING



GREAT PLACEMENT RECORD



PROFESSORS AMONG LEADING EXPERTS IN THEIR FIELDS



STRONG LINKS TO BUSINESS SOCIETY



STOCKHOLM – ONE OF THE MOST INNOVATIVE REGIONS IN THE WORLD

## CONTACT US

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