

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 ten years in a row by the Financial Times. The PhD Program in Economics at SSE combines the advantages of a small department with close and informal connections to faculty, with the breadth of courses and seminars associated with a larger department. A specially designed course program, the Stockholm Doctoral Course Program in Economics, Econometrics and Finance (SDPE), is organized by SSE jointly with Stockholm University for our PhD students in Economics and Finance.



## PHD PROGRAM IN ECONOMICS

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

The 240 ECTS credits of the program are divided into a course component (105 ECTS), and a dissertation component (135 ECTS). The core courses of the SDPE

program (60 ECTS) are compulsory and should be completed in your first year of study. Mandatory courses cover mathematics, microeconomics, macroeconomics, mathematical statistics, and econometrics. In the second year you can choose from a large selection of elective courses (45 ECTS).

In the beginning of your second year of study, you find a subject field for your dissertation and decide on an SSE faculty member for your supervisor; you will be conducting dissertation research in your final two to three years. Research from SSE PhD dissertations is frequently published in leading journals, with the Review of Economics and Statistics and the Quarterly Journal of Economics as recent examples. Job placements of recent graduates include Cambridge University, John Hopkins University, George Mason University, and the International Monetary Fund.

Teaching experience is an integral part of the PhD Program in Economics, 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).

Many PhD students spend one or two semesters visiting other leading universities in the US and Europe. SSE is also a member of the European Network for Training in Economic Research (ENTER) together with other prominent economics departments in Europe.

"I try to understand the world better. I ask my own questions. I never want my working day to end. To attain this life, the only thing you have to do is to learn a scientific discipline. Mine is economics."

**Tore Ellingsen**  
Professor  
Department of Economics



### WE OFFER PROGRAM RESEARCH AREAS IN:

- Applied Econometrics
- Behavioral and Experimental Economics
- Macroeconomics
- Microeconomics

## PHD PROGRAM IN ECONOMICS – PROGRAM STRUCTURE

YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	(YEAR 5)
Mandatory core courses (60 ECTS)	Elective courses (45 ECTS)	Thesis work (135 ECTS)		Defense

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

#### 1) PROVEN ACADEMIC RECORD

We require a university level degree and one year of Master level studies or the equivalent. We will also consider students with a very strong record from a four-year university program.

#### 2) ECONOMICS COURSES

In order to be eligible for the PhD Program in Economics, you need to have at least three semesters of economics courses (90 ECTS) including a thesis worth at least 15 ECTS.

#### 3) GRE TEST

All applicants to the Economics Program are required to take the general GRE test. There is no minimum score requirement for the test.

#### 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
- One copy of your most advanced thesis/essay within economics (in English)
- A Statement of Purpose: a concise statement concerning your plans for PhD studies, your research interests and your career objectives
- Three 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



VERY GOOD 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

For questions about the programs, requirements or admissions, please contact the PhD Admission Office at: [phd.admissions@hhs.se](mailto:phd.admissions@hhs.se) or telephone +46 8 736 90 00  
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