

# PhD in Economics



Join us in advancing knowledge and practice through excellence in research and teaching.

Drexel University's LeBow College of Business prepares doctoral students to become outstanding scholars and inspiring teachers.

Each year, a select number of PhD students are accepted into this program; this creates a collegial environment where PhD students interact with faculty on a daily basis. Faculty provide rigorous training on how to conduct high-quality independent research and become an effective teacher.

Beginning in their first year, all of our PhD students spend time as research assistants under the supervision of a faculty member. This close mentor-mentee relationship continues throughout the program, enabling our students to develop and execute high-quality dissertations with financial support to present their work at prestigious academic conferences.

The PhD program in Economics specializes in the following fields:

**INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATION**

**INTERNATIONAL TRADE**

**MACROECONOMICS**

**APPLIED MICROECONOMETRICS**

## Faculty Research

The School of Economics has 25 tenured/tenure-track faculty members. Drexel LeBow's PhD in Economics program specializes in the following fields: Industrial Organization, International Trade, Macroeconomics and Applied Microeconometrics. In addition to our main specializations, our faculty also pursue research in Public Finance, Energy Economics, Financial Economics, Health Economics, Game Theory, Behavioral Economics and Econometrics.

Our faculty publish in the top academic journals such as: *American Economic Review*, *Econometrica*, *RAND Journal of Economics*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Journal of International Economics*, *Journal of Monetary Economics*, *Journal of Economic Theory* and the *Journal of Money Credit and Banking*.

## Admission Standards

A bachelor's degree is required for admission. Applicants must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) for all undergraduate coursework and a minimum 3.3 average for any graduate-level coursework. The faculty generally expect applicants to demonstrate a substantially higher level of accomplishment than these minimum requirements.

## Admission Requirements

All applicants are required to submit GRE scores. Please note that scores older than five years are not accepted.

Applicants whose native language is not English and who have not received a degree from a U.S. university must submit scores from the International English Language Testing System (IELTS).

All applicants must submit a personal statement explaining the educational and personal experiences that have influenced their decision to pursue a PhD, as well as future career plans and goals. Faculty members are especially interested in learning about applicants' research experience and future research interests.

Two letters of recommendation must be submitted in support of the application. Applicants are strongly encouraged to seek recommendations from academics or other professionals who can assess the likelihood of their success in a research-oriented PhD program.



## Admission Process

All of our PhD admissions are done through our online portal, and prospective applicants can access further details from our website at [lebow.drexel.edu/phd](http://lebow.drexel.edu/phd).

## Assistantships and Financial Aid

We strive to provide graduate assistantships to all our entering PhD students; each applicant is automatically considered for an assistantship. All first-year doctoral students work with a faculty member on research activities. During subsequent years, doctoral students are assigned a combination of teaching and research responsibilities. Assistants receive a stipend and full-time tuition remission per academic year. Doctoral students who are making satisfactory progress toward the degree can expect to be provided with an assistantship for five years.

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