

DOCTORAL PROGRAMMES

AT THE EUROPEAN
UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE



The EUI offers researchers a truly unique experience in a multicultural and international community. The enthusiasm and kindness of professors and staff, combined with stimulating seminars and workshops, enables researchers to develop fruitful academic and professional relationships.

Matteo Calcagni

Researcher in the Department of History and Civilisation

WHY CHOOSE THE EUI?

Fully-funded four-year PhD programmes

Approximately 130 scholarships offered annually

A culturally diverse academic community

Study alongside 1000+ scholars from 90+ countries

Develop your intellectual curiosity

Well-structured PhD programmes that enable original research in four disciplines

An inclusive, dynamic multilingual environment

Work predominantly in English, while enjoying the opportunity to speak and learn other European languages

Be part of an international professional network

Our alumni hold positions in academia (65%), international organisations (9%), other research institutions (6%), the private sector (6%), national organisations (3%), law firms (3%), and national central banks (3%).*

* Alumni Survey 2021

FULLY-FUNDED FOUR-YEAR PHD PROGRAMMES

The EUI offers four-year PhD programmes in four departments: Economics, History, Law, and Political and Social Sciences. It also offers an LLM programme in Comparative, European and International Law and a Master of Research in Economics.

Each year there are approximately 130 fully-funded scholarships for PhD study, provided by EUI Contracting

States and Associated Member States.

Our online application form opens in November, for admission the following September. You must complete our online application form and submit all required documents by **31 January**.

Check your eligibility and apply online at: www.eui.eu/phd



89%

of researchers
(admitted 2011-2015)
successfully defended
their thesis.*

*EUI Academic Service

JOIN OUR DIVERSE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY

Forty years of experience in focusing exclusively on doctoral programmes, post-doctoral study and research has made the EUI a global leader in high-quality postgraduate education. Our leading scholars in economics, history, law, and political and social sciences create, develop, and supervise innovative and original research.

Our culturally diverse academic community, which hails from over 90 countries, has grown to include world-class experts, visiting to present and discuss their work, and around 80

postdoctoral fellows, who further strengthen the interdisciplinary environment.

An EUI PhD is more than writing a dissertation. Our research, academic, and professional development activities include seminars and conferences within your chosen department, as well as all other EUI departments, the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, the Max Weber Programme for Postdoctoral Studies and the School of Transnational Governance.

The diversity of native languages, cultural backgrounds, and past personal experiences make the EUI a true sociological laboratory.

Apart from strong academic training and opportunities, the EUI provides an inspiring and unique human setting that I will never forget.

Sergi Pardos Prado

EUI alumnus and Professor
of Comparative Politics,
University of Glasgow

DEVELOP YOUR INTELLECTUAL CURIOSITY

Upon arrival at the EUI, you are assigned a supervisor for guidance in developing your ideas, while first-year courses provide research training. In your second and third years, you continue to work on your dissertation, which might include fieldwork, data collection, or statistical analysis. You may also participate in departmental seminars and workshops across the Institute, or take advantage of professional or university traineeships and teaching opportunities. During your fourth year, you finish your thesis and prepare for your thesis defence.

EUI supervision is thorough and intense, with high quality ensured through regular assessment. We offer support in developing teaching skills, exchanges with major European and North American universities are available, and there is funding for research missions abroad.

EUI facilities include the prestigious Historical Archives of the European Union, while our world-class social sciences research library has extensive multi-lingual collections and services to support advanced research.

I chose the EUI for a number of reasons, not least broadening my legal academic experience and savouring life beyond the shores of my birthplace. What was originally meant to be a year and a resulting LLM became three years, a PhD and a realisation that I loved legal research.

Siofra O'Leary

President of the European Court of Human Rights

A DYNAMIC MULTI-LINGUAL ENVIRONMENT

Located on the scenic hills of Fiesole, just above Florence, our supportive EUI community ensures that researchers from around the world feel immediately at home.

The variety of nationalities and academic backgrounds represented across the EUI community stimulates lively debate, comparisons and the sharing of knowledge. While we work predominantly in English, the use of other languages is encouraged and supported.

On- and off-campus entertainment and extracurricular activities offer a break from your studies, and our researcher-organised sports and cultural clubs reflect the range of interests pursued by our members. The nearby Tuscan countryside is ideal for hiking or cycling, while nearby Florence, regularly voted one of the world's most beautiful cities, is an unparalleled cultural and artistic centre.

nationalities from around the world
are represented
in our academic community

90+



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

Our Department of Economics is producing the next generation of top-class economics researchers.

Study all the main fields within economics

PhD opportunities across theoretical and applied topics

Be part of a cohesive community

benefit from close supervision and on-going support by excellent professors

Learn from the experts

present, discuss, and interact with visiting international leaders in the field

Develop your employability

receive comprehensive training, assistance, and preparation for the job market and beyond

Build networks

our graduates pursue successful careers around the globe in academia and the private and public sectors

The structure of courses, close interaction with top professors and visiting scholars, and the facilities make the EUI's Department of Economics a very stimulating environment to develop state-of-the-art research.

Bertrand Gruss

EUI alumnus and Senior Economist at the Research Department of the International Monetary Fund

56%

of alumni from our Department of Economics work in academia and research.* International organisations and institutions that employ our graduates include the World Bank, the IMF, the European Commission, and the European Central Bank.

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Our Department of History examines Europe's relationship to the world.

Think beyond boundaries

study global connections within early modern and modern European history

Explore transnational and comparative European history

access the Historical Archives of the European Union and be supported in visiting other archives

Benefit from close thesis supervision

our professors and researchers create a constructive working environment, developing projects together through close consultation

Be part of an intellectual cosmopolitan community

meet and discuss with leading scholars visiting from all over the world

Establish international links

our graduates are employed in universities, research centres, and organisations around the globe



75%

of alumni from our Department of History work in academia and research.* Our graduates can be found within international organisations and institutions, such as the European Parliament and UNESCO.

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The EUI's Department of History facilitates encounters between scholars from different origins, with different approaches. This diversity is priceless; it enriched my vision of history and, ultimately, made me a better researcher.

Thomas Cauvin

EUI alumnus and Associate Professor of Public History at University of Luxembourg

DEPARTMENT OF LAW

The Department of Law examines questions of global importance, offering an LLM and a doctoral programme.

Study the challenges facing European, international, and private law

Research opportunities across social, cultural, political, and economic topics

Explore global dimensions

the range of interests amongst our faculty allows your PhD research to transcend national boundaries and contexts

Enjoy a high-level intellectual environment

learn from and collaborate with visiting distinguished practitioners, academics and experts

Develop yourself

our courses, working groups, and tailored supervision gives you the tools needed to write your best possible thesis

Advance your career

our graduates hold important posts around the world in academia, within European, national and international organisations, and across the private sector

Life in the EUI's Department of Law is always very rich. Usually, a researcher is tempted to spend all their time on their PhD research, but this is not possible here. There are so many interesting opportunities to take part in seminars that you are stimulated to think beyond your own research.

Marta Cartabia

EUI alumna and Italy's former Minister of Justice

66%

of alumni from our Department of Law work in academia or research.* Many of our alumni are employed within law firms and courts, international organisations or NGOs, national organisations and the EU institutions.



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DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Our Department of Political and Social Sciences explores political and social change within and beyond Europe.

Study the important issues of our time that the social sciences are uniquely suited to

PhD opportunities across politics and comparative politics, political theory, international relations, and sociology

Enter an interdisciplinary world access the Historical Archives of the European Union and be supported in visiting other archives

Collaborate with distinguished scholars and policy-makers

present and discuss your ideas with world-class visiting experts

Discover intellectual dynamism

our PhD programme gives you the close supervision to build your knowledge, alongside the freedom to undertake independent research

Connect globally

our graduates work within academia, European and national-level government institutions, international organisations, and the private sector

When I entered the Badia Fiesolana I found a truly diverse intellectual environment, not only in terms of topics, but also in terms of methodological approaches and disciplinary bridges.

(...) The Institute's emphasis on interdisciplinarity and policy-relevance ultimately shaped me as a professional: I am now an academic researcher at NATO.

Andrea Gilli

EUI alumnus and Senior Researcher at NATO Defence College & Affiliate at Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University

83%

of alumni from our Department of Political and Social Sciences work in academia or research.* Our graduates are employed by international organisations, like the UN, and within the EU institutions.

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BE PART OF AN INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL NETWORK

Our graduates enjoy excellent career prospects in Europe and around the globe. EUI alumni hold positions within academia (65%), international organisations (9%), other research institutions (6%), the private sector (6%), national organisations (3%), law firms (3%), and national central banks (3%).*

Our culture of conversation and interdisciplinary research allows you to build strong links with our faculty, visitors, post-doctoral scholars, and your fellow researchers. These connections form an international professional network that endures throughout your time at the EUI, and beyond. Our alumni often reconnect as partners in large-scale international research projects in other universities and research centres, or as colleagues in international institutions and organisations, such as the European Commission, the European Parliament, the European Central Bank, or the International Monetary Fund.

The intellectual autonomy given to our researchers, alongside our professional training opportunities, ensures you develop yourself and forge your career, with support and guidance from the EUI.

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The EUI is a unique place to undertake doctoral studies, with a formidable academic faculty, a wide postgraduate community, stimulating seminars, and conferences that provide an invaluable intellectual background to writing a successful thesis.

Robert Schütze

EUI alumnus and Professor of European and Global Law,
University of Durham



WELL-STRUCTURED PHD PROGRAMMES IN FOUR DISCIPLINES

An EUI PhD is internationally recognised and respected. Our fully-funded four-year doctoral programmes are well-structured, with clear academic rules and standards that are in line with other top institutions around the world.

To find out more about our doctoral programmes in Economics, History, Law, and Political and Social Sciences, please visit: www.eui.eu/PhD

83%

of researchers
are very satisfied
or satisfied with
EUI supervision.*

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