PhD Program in Banking and Finance

The PhD Program in Banking and Finance offered at the University of Limoges in France, aims at training a selected group of students for a career as economists in academic institutions or in research departments of international organizations, financial institutions and governments.

Research will be conducted on Financial Intermediation on various possible issues such as Bank Risk and Regulatory Implications (Basel III and IV, Bank Supervision, Financial Stability, Systemic Risk, Liquidity Risk, Capital and Liquidity, Failure Resolution and Total Loss Absorbing Capacities, Macro/Micro Prudential Mix...), Capital Structure, Ownership Structure and Governance in Banking (risk and efficiency implications), Fintech and Banking Market Structure, Lending Behavior and Regional Economic Activity, Islamic Banking with strong econometric and/or theoretical background. Other areas in Banking and Finance are also welcome.

This year, among other sources of funding, a specific scholarship will be dedicated to a project funded by ANR (French National Research Agency) on the Interaction of Liquidity and Capital Regulation in Banking in a fast-changing environment strongly affecting bank business models (Fintech…).

The selected candidates will be hosted by LAPE Research Center (http://www.unilim.fr/lape/), Director : Pr Amine Tarazi (http://www.unilim.fr/lape/staff/full-time/Amine-Tarazi/), and connected to an international research network. They will follow a three-year program with a specific training delivered by this well-established research center dedicated to banking studies. LAPE Research Center also encourages co-tutorships with other institutions.

The Research Training Program in Banking and Finance consists of two modules:

- **Intermediary module**:
  
The aim is to acquire state of the art skills to conduct an empirical research in that area (Training on Writing Research Papers, Handling Datasets and Softwares, Research Seminar Series, etc.).

- **Advanced module**:
  
LAPE PhD Courses in Banking and Finance (http://www.unilim.fr/lape/master-and-phd-programs/master-in-banking-and-finance/, Summer School in Banking and Finance, etc.

Separate fees can be charged for this program.

The teaching staff are research-active scholars in Banking. The PhD program also hosts international visiting professors from European and U.S. universities who are leading experts in their field.

**This PhD Program in Banking and Finance is fully taught in English.** Applicants must provide satisfactory evidence that they have an adequate knowledge and understanding of written and spoken English.

**Funding Opportunities**

The University of Limoges provides financial support for a limited number of students with outstanding records.
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Application Package

Candidates should submit the following:

1. PhD Program Application Form 2020
2. Copy of ID Card or Passport
3. Detailed Curriculum Vitae
4. Cover Letter
5. Recommendation Letters (a minimum of 2)
6. PhD Proposal (3-4 pages)
7. Non-technical summary of your PhD Proposal (1 page; *in French for French-speaking candidates*)
8. Copy of high education degrees
9. Transcript of records (undergraduate and Master)
10. English Certificate(s) (TOEFL, IELTS, etc.)

How to Apply

Please read the PhD Guidelines
(http://www.unilim.fr/lape/IMG/pdf/20190321_Guidelines_and_Recommendations_to_PhD_students.pdf)

The duly completed application package must be submitted by email as an attachment with “PhD Program in Banking and Finance 2020 – Your name” as the subject heading.

The email address: lape-phdbankingandfinance@unilim.fr
More information: http://www.unilim.fr/lape/master-and-phd-programs/phd-program/

Special Point

You have to apply by following this procedure even if you are not applying for a scholarship.

Submission Deadline:

May 19, 2020

Registration Fees:
Standard French higher education system fees for PhD programs in public universities. Separate fees can be charged for the Research Training Program.