

## Doctoral Assistant Position (Ph.D.) in Economics

The Institute of Economics (IdEP) at the Faculty of Economics, University della Svizzera italiana (USI), Lugano (Switzerland), invites applications for full-time Doctoral Assistant positions (Ph.D.) for up to six years. Applications received by **February 1, 2019** will be given priority. The working environment (including infrastructure and remuneration for teaching and research assistance) is very attractive. The successful candidates will work at IdEP, under the supervision of Prof. Lorenz Kueng and Prof. Giovanni Pica. Their main focus will be on doctoral research and completion of related Ph.D. courses. The starting date is July 1, 2019, but a later date is possible. Courses start the last week of August 2019.

**The Ph.D. Program in Economics.** In advancing to the Ph.D., students pass through two major stages, course work (years 1 and 2) and completion of a dissertation.

**Year 1** is devoted to developing a strong foundation in the basic tools of economics, including full-year courses in microeconomic theory, macroeconomic theory, and econometrics (*basic courses*). Successful candidates are required to apply by April 15, 2019 to the Swiss Program for Beginning Doctoral Students in Economics at the Study Center Gerzensee of the Swiss National Bank (SNB). In the first year, successful candidates will devote most of their work time to this program and the remaining time to teaching and research activities at IdEP. Successful completion of the program satisfies the 1st-year course requirements. The application requires candidates to submit their GRE test scores by March 15, 2019.

**Year 2** is devoted to *deepening courses* to bring successful candidates to the research frontier of their field(s) of interest. Starting from year 2, in addition to doctoral work, successful candidates will provide part-time assistance in the institute's research projects and/or teaching activities.

**Years 3 to 6** are devoted to completing the dissertation, which consists of at least three original research papers. Successful candidates will present their research progresses regularly to their supervisor(s) and in informal seminars to the rest of the faculty and doctoral students, who will provide constructive feedback that will improve the research.

The ideal candidates have, or are upon completion of, a Master's degree in Economics, Econometrics or a related field. Candidates with an interest in quantitative empirical research and knowledge of programming languages (e.g., R, Python, Julia) will be given a strong preference.

To inquire for these positions please e-mail: [lorenz.kueng@usi.ch](mailto:lorenz.kueng@usi.ch) or [giovanni.pica@usi.ch](mailto:giovanni.pica@usi.ch). Applications should be sent to: [idep.eco@usi.ch](mailto:idep.eco@usi.ch).

Candidates should include the following information:

1. A complete CV.
2. A transcript of your university education (Master's Degree or equivalent).
3. The names of two academic references that could be contacted for more information.
4. A personal statement giving concrete evidence of your promise as a member of the academic community and providing the selection committee an image of you as a person.

5. Your GRE test score (if available).

Owing to the large number of enquiries received, only those applicants whose profiles are likely to fit the positions will be notified for further details and eventual interviews. Qualified applicants will be interviewed starting from February 1, 2019.