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# Doctorate



## Graduate College: The Economics of Innovative Change

Friedrich Schiller University Jena • Jena

### Overview

Degree	PhD, Dr rer pol
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English</li></ul>
Languages	English
Programme duration	6 semesters
Beginning	Only for doctoral programmes: any time
Application deadline	31 March, 30 September
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	<p>The programme offers top-level graduate students the opportunity to achieve a doctoral degree (PhD) in economics.</p> <p><b>Major research fields</b></p> <p>Generating Innovations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Innovative behaviour and decision-making</li><li>Patterns and forms of innovative activities</li></ul> <p>Effects of Innovative Change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Allocative and distributive effects</li><li>Political and institutional dimensions</li></ul> <p>Dynamics and Patterns of Innovative Change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Economic and innovative dynamics of sectoral structures</li><li>Innovative change, increasing product variety and demand</li></ul> <p>Methodological extensions are part of this programme.</p>

## Course Details

Course organisation	The programme is intended to be completed in three years. During the first year, students improve their basic theoretical knowledge and methodological skills by attending PhD-level courses. In the second year, students concentrate on their essential research activities. The individual PhD projects are completed during the last year. The programme includes summer schools with lectures held by renowned international researchers.
International elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Courses are led with foreign partners</li></ul>
Integrated internships	No internships
Course-specific, integrated German language courses	No
Course-specific, integrated English language courses	No

## Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Semester contribution	Doctoral candidates at Friedrich Schiller University Jena have the possibility to enrol. Enrolment is not compulsory, but it offers a whole range of advantages. Semester fee (student services and student self-government) including semester ticket for free use of public transport: 237.60 EUR per semester and a one-off fee of 20 EUR for a multifunctional student ID card called a "Thoska" (as of May 2023, subject to change)
Costs of living	Students need approximately 700–770 EUR per month for rent, food, health insurance, books and personal items. Additionally, please see <a href="https://www.uni-jena.de/en/Jena+living+international">https://www.uni-jena.de/en/Jena+living+international</a> .
Funding opportunities within the university	Yes
Description of the above-mentioned funding opportunities within the university	For information on availability of funding for doctoral candidates, please refer to the website of the Graduate Academy at Friedrich Schiller University Jena: <a href="https://www.uni-jena.de/en/phd_financing">https://www.uni-jena.de/en/phd_financing</a> .

## Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements	To apply for this programme, you must hold either a "Diplom" or an MA/MSc in Economics or Business (incl. Finance). Therefore, you should have finished your MA before you apply. A Bachelor's degree or a diploma from a university of applied sciences does not meet the requirements for this programme. For further information, please visit <a href="https://www.gkwiwi.uni-jena.de/PhD+Application.html">https://www.gkwiwi.uni-jena.de/PhD+Application.html</a> .
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<b>Language requirements</b>	Fluent written and spoken English is required. As an orientation, language level C1 or higher of the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) is recommended. Proof of formal language knowledge is not necessary. Language proficiency will be judged in your application and subsequent interviews.
<b>Application deadline</b>	31 March, 30 September
<b>Submit application to</b>	GSBC EIC Carl-Zeiss-Str. 3 07743 Jena Germany  <a href="mailto:susanne.buechner@uni-jena.de">susanne.buechner@uni-jena.de</a>

## Services

<b>Possibility of finding part-time employment</b>	Students can work besides their studies up to a certain extent. Additionally, please see <a href="https://www.uni-jena.de/en/Jena+living+international">https://www.uni-jena.de/en/Jena+living+international</a> .  However, this is not recommended for PhD students.
<b>Accommodation</b>	International doctoral candidates have the possibility of applying for a place in one of the three university guest houses. Enrolled doctoral candidates can also apply for a room in student housing. For all information on accommodation in Jena, please refer to the website of the Graduate Academy: <a href="https://www.uni-jena.de/en/graduate-academy">https://www.uni-jena.de/en/graduate-academy</a> .
<b>Structured research and supervision</b>	Yes
<b>Research training / discussion</b>	Yes
<b>Career advisory service</b>	The Graduate Academy offers career counselling for advanced doctoral candidates and postdocs: <a href="https://www.uni-jena.de/en/career-counselling">https://www.uni-jena.de/en/career-counselling</a> .
<b>Support for international students and doctoral candidates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tutors</li> <li>• Welcome event</li> <li>• Buddy programme</li> <li>• Specialist counselling</li> <li>• Cultural and linguistic preparation</li> <li>• Visa matters</li> </ul>
<b>General services and support for international students and doctoral candidates</b>	The Graduate Academy is the one-stop office for doctoral candidates and postdocs at Friedrich Schiller University. Please visit the Graduate Academy website to explore the full range of information! <a href="https://www.uni-jena.de/en/phd">https://www.uni-jena.de/en/phd</a>

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