

## Fully Funded PhD Position in Economics and Management 2026 – 2029

### Graduate School and Research of Economics and Management

#### 1. Call for Applications

The Graduate School of Economics and Management ([EUR ELMI](#)), with the support of the IDEX UCA Jedi Initiative of Excellence ([IDEX UCA<sup>Jedi</sup>](#)), invites applications for a fully funded three-year PhD position.

Proposed research topics should align with the School's main research areas (the four research axes are detailed at: <https://elmi.univ-cotedazur.fr/recherche/axes-scientifiques-1>), or fall within the scope of one of its research chairs: the Junior Professorship Chair in “Economics of AI and Innovation” or the Chair in “Prevention and Access to Healthcare” (<https://chaire2p2as.weebly.com/>).

#### 2. Research Environment and Training Context

The Graduate School of Economics and Management (EUR ELMI) brings together faculty members and researchers from Université Côte d'Azur, affiliated with either GREDEG or SKEMA Business School, and working in the fields of economics, management, and sociology.

Research activities within the School are structured around four main areas, at the intersection of GREDEG and SKEMA Business School research programs:

- Innovation and digital transformation
- Green innovation and ecological transition
- Organizational and territorial dynamics
- Financial innovation and the financing of innovation

In addition, the Graduate School hosts two research chairs, in collaboration with SKEMA Business School and GREDEG: the Junior Professorship Chair in “Economics of AI and Innovation,” which focuses on analyzing the global technological transformations driven by artificial intelligence and their economic implications; and the Chair in “Prevention and Access to Healthcare,” which aims to better understand the social and territorial determinants of inequalities in access to healthcare.

The Graduate School of Economics and Management offers a comprehensive, research-led training environment designed to equip students with the analytical and professional skills required to address contemporary economic and managerial challenges. Career opportunities for graduates span a wide range of sectors, including academia, finance, human resources, innovative industries, strategy and consulting, management, tourism, digital sectors, and applied economic expertise.

### 3. Eligibility and Conditions

This funding is open to candidates who are completing a Master's degree (M2 or MSc) in economics, management, business administration, or sociology, as well as to candidates who have already started the first year of a PhD in one of these fields. Applications may be submitted in either French or English. The contract will start in October 2026.

Applicants must identify a PhD supervisor within the Graduate School of Economics and Management (EUR ELMI), affiliated with either GREDEG or SKEMA Business School, and obtain their prior agreement before submitting the application. A list of potential supervisors is available at the following links:  
GREDEG: <https://gredeg.univ-cotedazur.fr/presentation/les-membres-du-laboratoire>  
SKEMA Business School: <https://www.skema.edu/research>

Successful candidates will be enrolled in the DESPEG Doctoral School (Law and Political, Economic and Management Sciences) and will be affiliated, for their research, with the Graduate School of Economics and Management and GREDEG (Sophia Antipolis campus), or with a research laboratory at SKEMA Business School (Sophia Antipolis campus).

The PhD funding amounts to €2,596 gross per month.

Selected candidates will be required to undertake 40 hours of teaching per year within the Graduate School's programs. These teaching hours will be remunerated in addition to the PhD funding, at a rate of €54 gross per hour. Teaching may be conducted in either English or French.

### 4. Application Materials

Applications must be submitted electronically and include the following documents:

1. A detailed curriculum vitae;
2. A statement of purpose;
3. A letter from the proposed PhD supervisor (affiliated with one of the EUR ELMI partner research units — GREDEG: <https://gredeg.univ-cotedazur.fr/presentation/les-membres-du-laboratoire>; SKEMA Business School: <https://www.skema.edu/research>) explaining how the proposed research project aligns with one of the School's research axes;
4. Academic transcripts for Master's level studies (Master 1 and Master 2 or equivalent);
5. A research proposal (maximum 10 pages);
6. A copy of the Master's thesis (M1 or M2) or MSc dissertation.

## 5. Submission Procedure

Applications must be sent to [eur-elmi@univ-cotedazur.fr](mailto:eur-elmi@univ-cotedazur.fr) no later than May 15, 2026 (strict deadline).

All documents must be submitted as a single PDF file, named as follows: **lastname-firstname-doctorateELMI-2026.pdf**

## 6. Selection Process

Applications will be evaluated based on the scientific quality of the research proposal, its alignment with the School's research axes, the candidate's academic excellence, and the feasibility of the project within the proposed framework.

The selection process is organized as follows:

1. Applications will first be reviewed by an ad hoc selection committee, whose composition will be determined by the EUR's Strategic and Pedagogical Orientation Committee (COSP) and published on the School's website;
2. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to an interview with the selection committee, which will establish the final ranking. This ranking will then be validated by the EUR's Steering Committee (COPIL).

## 6. Timeline

March 15, 2026 – Call for applications opens

May 15, 2026 – Application deadline

Week of June 1, 2026 – Application review and notification of shortlisted candidates

Week of June 15, 2026 – Interviews and final decision notifications