

PhD Positions in Finance, September 2026

ESCP Business School, one of the best-ranked Business School in Europe, is seeking outstanding candidates for the Finance track of its Ph.D. Programme in Paris, France.

The program offers a range of PhD level classes in Empirical Methods, Corporate Finance, Asset Pricing, and Banking together with elective classes in Economics and Management. Candidates for a Finance Ph.D. should have good quantitative skills so that they can rapidly start their own empirical or theoretical research. A research master in Finance, Economics, or a related field is an asset but not compulsory. Applicants with interest in all fields of finance are welcome.

Finance faculty members regularly publish in top tier finance journals and maintain an active seminar series and visitor program. ESCP also subscribes to all major finance databases.

ESCP provides a four-year scholarship/teaching assistance contract (up to €24.500 the 1st year; up to €28.000 from year 2 to year 4) and full tuition waiver. Externally funded opportunities are possible too (public or private funding).

We offer:

- Close supervision by ESCP professors.
- A well-structured, full-time PhD program with courses that will make you an expert in your field and in various research methods.
- A strong international working environment.
- You will be admitted to the Paris PhD program at ESCP Business School.
- A constructive and friendly atmosphere with regular research seminars for a fast and successful PhD completion.
- You will be part of a large research community that includes 6 European campuses with many professors and other PhD students.

To qualify you should have:

- Completed or be about to complete a master degree in finance, economics, or a related field.
- A high level of enthusiasm for scientific work and strong quantitative skills.
- Excellent English language skills.
- A strong sense of responsibility and commitment.

Opening of application platform: **19 January 2026** for September 2026 intake. The application deadlines are February 23rd (first round of screening) and April 27th (second round of screening). To apply, please upload your complete application on the ESCP platform for PhDs (<https://escp.eu/programmes/doctoral-programmes/paris>).

Further information about the programme is available on our [website](#).

Contact: doctorat@escp.eu

We look forward to receiving your application!

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