

Aix-Marseille University – AMSE PhD program ‘On the job’ PhD track – 2020 admission guidelines

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Presentation

The AMSE ‘On the job’ PhD track allows PhD candidates to write a PhD dissertation while in employment. The ultimate objective of candidates enrolled in this track is to quickly and successfully achieve high quality academic research that is of interest for their professional career.

Functioning of the ‘On the job’ PhD track

‘On the job’ PhD candidates are formally enrolled in the *Doctorat d’Aix-Marseille Université mention « Sciences Économiques »* under the *formation continue* regime and are subject to the AMSE ‘On the job’ PhD charter. PhD candidates enrolled in the ‘On the job’ PhD track do not face training requirements. They are not provided with a desk within Aix Marseille University’s premises and are not requested to attend scientific events organized by AMSE. A 2nd year defense and a pre-defense must be organized before the final PhD defense that must take place within Aix-Marseille University’s premises. The standard duration of the PhD is 4 years. PhD candidates enrolled in the ‘On the job’ PhD track must spend at least one full week per academic year in Aix en Provence or Marseille. No financial support is provided for these visits.

Tuition fees amount about € 2,000/year.

Eligibility criteria

Eligibility for the AMSE ‘On the job’ PhD track is determined by the following criteria:

- The applicant must have left higher education since at least 3 years upon enrolment in the program.
- The applicant must hold a full-time job with at least a 3-year ongoing contract upon enrolment.
- The applicant must be employed as an economist or use economic analysis in her/his job.
- The applicant must hold a Master in economics from an institution that provides a level of training in economics at least as good as that of the AMSE master program. She/he must have achieved a first class standing in this master.

Admission in the AMSE ‘On the job’ PhD track is conditioned by the satisfaction of the eligibility criteria and by the successful completion of all steps of the admission procedure (see below).

Application procedure and calendar

Step 1 – Pre-application

Deadline: ~~April 13, 2020~~ **April 30, 2020**

Content of the pre-application package

- A detailed curriculum vitae (if the applicant does not hold a master degree in economics, she/he must provide all documents that justify her/his qualification for doing a PhD in economics) and a cover letter;
- A research project (max. 8 pages).

All documents need to be sent to the AMSE PhD program secretariat in PDF format. The subject of the mail must be "YOUR_NAME – AMSE On the job PhD Pre-application". Pre-application documents are reviewed by the AMSE PhD committee. Pre-application documents of selected applicants will be circulated among AMSE faculty members. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their pre-application by May 15, 2020 latest.

Step 2 – Preparation of the final research project

Applicants whose pre-application projects received attention by at least one AMSE faculty member are invited to contact the latter and to work with her/him on the final research project.

Step 3 – Final application

Deadline: **June 14, 2020**

Content of the final application package

- A detailed curriculum vitae, a cover letter, and proofs of employment status;
- Research project (max 20 pages, including a very detailed 3-year agenda);
- Letter of support by the applicant's employer (optional but strongly recommended);
- Letter of support by the AMSE supervisor;
- Detailed transcripts of master-level grades.

Letters from the applicant's employer and from the AMSE supervisor must be sent directly to the AMSE PhD program secretariat. All other documents must be sent to the AMSE PhD program secretariat in PDF format. The subject of the mail must be "YOUR_NAME – AMSE On the job PhD Final application". Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their final application by July 15, 2020 latest.

Warning

Applicants who lobby for acceptance or send unsolicited random emails to AMSE faculty members prior to pre-application or during the application process are subject to disqualification.