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“A first-rate PhD program. The fact that CERGE-EI has such high-quality students with such diverse backgrounds makes it unique in the world.”

Joseph Stiglitz
Professor at Columbia University, Nobel Laureate in Economics

“CERGE-EI provided me with a strong analytical background so important in modern economics as well as gave me an opportunity to participate in many important research projects aiming to improve the living standards in the Czech Republic.”

Jakub Grossmann
Economic Analyst at Czech National Bank

“The PhD program in Economics has given us excellent tools to succeed globally.”

Michaela Erbenová
Deputy Director at the Institute for Capacity Development, International Monetary Fund

About CERGE-EI

First-rate research

- Faculty publishing in top international journals
- Research seminars and public lectures delivered by leading economists
- Students participate in faculty research projects as co-authors
- Students and faculty succeed in international grant competitions

Diverse community

- Students from more than 30 countries with a variety of backgrounds: economics, mathematics, physics, computer science, and business
- International faculty
- Reading groups, coffee breaks, international food parties, student trips, sports club events, Graduation Gala

Unique location

- In the center of Prague, just a 5-minute walk from Wenceslas Square
- Beautiful study environment in the historical Schebek Palace
- Excellent facilities: Jan Kmenta Library, Digital Media Center, students’ offices and lounges

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Charles University is among the top 200 universities in economics according to the 2024 Global Ranking of Academic Subjects

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CERGE-EI alumni live and work in more than 40 countries

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CERGE-EI researchers have been awarded 3 grants by the European Research Council (ERC) – the most prestigious funder of excellent research in Europe

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- Four-year stipends of CZK 25,000 per month, with additional excellence fellowships available
- Alumni employed in more than 40 countries worldwide
- 3:1 student-faculty ratio

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About the program

- High-quality US-style PhD program
- Integrated MA degree: 2 years of coursework and preparation for independent research
- Small-scale program: collaborative exchange of knowledge and individual approach
- Opportunities for research stays at top universities worldwide
- Presentation and communication skills courses

Career prospects

- Graduates employed worldwide
- Research positions in public policy institutions (government ministries, central banks), international organizations, think tanks, and private sector positions
- Job market preparation and placement assistance

Orientation Week

- Registration of students
- Preparatory sessions
- Presentation of PhD program
- Social events

Year 1

- Core economics curriculum
- Core General Exams
- Academic writing courses

Year 2

- Elective field courses
- Field General Exams
- Research Methodology Seminar
- Research/Teaching assistantship

Master's Thesis Defense and Graduation

Year 3

- Dissertation Proposal Workshop
- Working in reading groups
- Research Seminar Series
- Research/Teaching assistantship

Years 4-6

- Dissertation Workshop
- Research stays at US/European universities
- Research Seminar Series
- Research/Teaching assistantship

PhD Defense and Graduation

Admissions

Deadline: 31 March

Requirements:

- Strong background in mathematics
- Proficiency in spoken and written English
- Previous education in economics recommended
- Completed MA degree or equivalent