

EVIDENCE-BASED ECONOMICS



Funded by the Elitenetzwerk Bayern, the

International Graduate Program “Evidenced-Based Economics”

offers 10 DOCTORAL POSITIONS (TV-L E13 / 75% meaning ca. 1500€ net of taxes and social security dependent on personal circumstances) starting in October 2013.

Who we are: The faculty of the International Graduate Program “Evidenced-Based Economics” comprises members of the Economics Departments in Munich, Erlangen-Nuremberg, Regensburg, and Würzburg. The newly established graduate program provides excellent research facilities, a variety of specifically designed PhD courses, and a wide-ranging international research network. Our faculty has extensive experience in structured graduate education and a strong academic placement record. During the course phase of the program (the first two semesters) students will generally be based in Munich. Thereafter, students will be based at the principal advisor’s institution.

What we want to do: The research program of Evidence-Based Economics (EBE) aims to apply and further develop empirical methods in order to better understand the mechanisms that govern economic decision making and to properly evaluate the costs and benefits of policy interventions. Like evidence-based medicine, EBE is not content with mere speculation about the possible effects of an intervention, but – guided by sound theoretic modelling – seeks to generate clean evidence from randomized or natural experiments to identify the mechanisms that actually cause an effect. The need for the methodology of EBE arises in many areas, including public economics, labor economics, health economics, and development economics, but also within private firms and organizations where incentives provided by contractual and institutional arrangements are crucial determinants of success.

What we are looking for: We aim to recruit excellent graduate students with a strong and credible interest in Evidence-Based Economics. Graduate students should be highly motivated and able to conduct independent research. The program is taught entirely in English. Proficiency in German is not required. We expect knowledge in microeconomics, macroeconomics, and econometrics at an advanced Master’s level. It is not our objective to provide such basic training. Therefore, the standard entry requirement is a completed Master’s degree in economics. Exceptions from this rule are possible in special circumstances. In these cases, any missing graduate-level training will be specified in an individual supervision agreement, with suitable courses to be chosen from the participating Departments’ Economics Master programs. As a general rule, these courses have to be passed in the first semester of our graduate program.

Where you can learn more: For further details on the research and teaching program, the participating faculty, and the application procedure, please consult our website:

www.evidence-based-economics.de

Applications will be accepted until **April 30, 2013**. Under certain conditions, the admission committee can make an early admission decision.