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Welcome

If you are interested in an in-depth study programme focused on cutting-edge research either in Economics or Business, then you have come to the right place at CentER. As CentER is a world-class research institute in the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, it is strongly positioned to draw on the academic expertise of some of the most outstanding minds in the field of Economics and Business. In both education and research, we compete with the best universities in the world.

CentER offers you the opportunity to participate in a five-year graduate programme, comparable to the U.S. system, resulting in a PhD. This programme begins with a two year Research Master's programme leading to a Master of Philosophy (MPhil) degree followed by a three-year PhD programme. Participating in either of these programmes involves you closely in the research

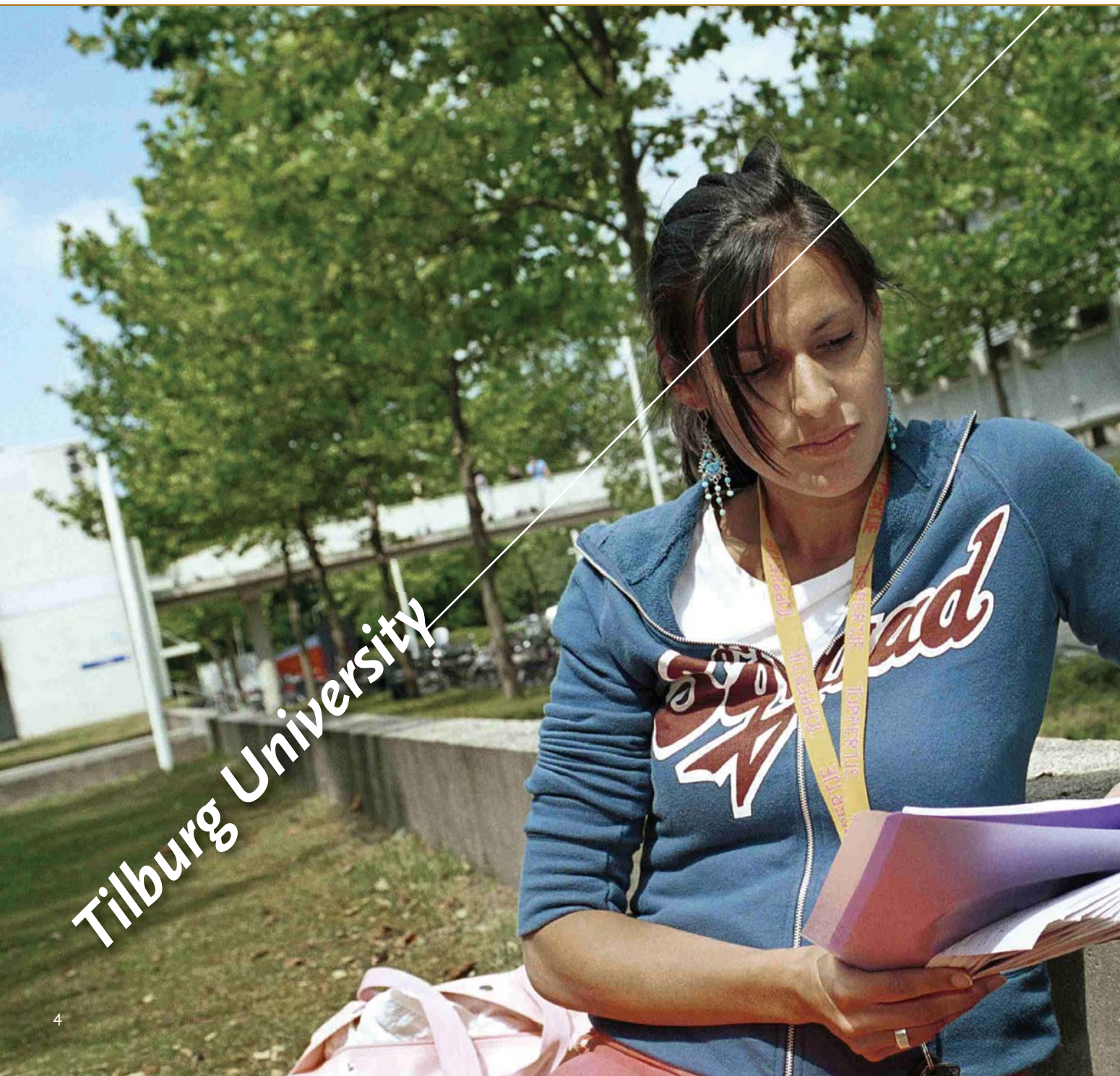
activities of our internationally acclaimed research groups. The teaching is led by academics who actively participate in international networks and who are at the forefront of their field. Enrolling in the MPhil and PhD programme means embarking on a complete graduate programme and qualifies you for high profile academic positions anywhere in the world.

If, after reading this brochure, you would like some additional information, please visit our website or contact our Graduate Office. Our staff is always happy to help you.

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Tilburg at CentER.

Professor Kees Koedijk
Dean Faculty of Economics and Business Administration





Tilburg University

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Tilburg University is an internationally oriented, fully accredited, top university in the Netherlands. It is well known for its high standards in education and scientific research as well as its excellent support facilities. In yearly rankings, Tilburg University has taken a leading position for many years now, especially in the field of Business, Economics and Law.

Since 1927, Tilburg University has expanded its horizons and has grown into a university with six faculties, namely Economics and Business Administration, Law, Social and Behavioural Sciences, Humanities, TiasNimbas Business School and Catholic Theology. In addition to these faculties, it has a number of well-established research institutes and graduate schools. Its 1,700 staff members manage to inspire and challenge over 11,000 students by providing high quality, innovative and internationally oriented education and research.

Tilburg University invites you to take part in a challenging student life in a truly international setting. The compact campus set-up offers you the opportunity to meet professors, researchers, lecturers and students of different backgrounds and nationalities. Furthermore, the university has 185 partner universities on all six continents. At Tilburg University you can enjoy interactive teaching in small groups, including case studies and teamwork. Moreover, you will have access to all campus facilities such as wireless internet, a high-tech library, a language centre and internet cafés.

Faculty of Economics and Business Administration

The Faculty of Economics and Business Administration is Tilburg University's largest Faculty and the most prestigious one in the Netherlands. The Faculty enjoys high rankings for its excellent quality in education and research, for example, it is the current number one economics research institute in Europe and the number three business research institute. With about 500 staff members, the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration offers 32 undergraduate and graduate programmes in the fields of Economics and Business to approximately 5000 students. Education and research are provided by the Faculty's departments: Accountancy, Econometrics and Operations Research, Economics, Finance, Fiscal Economics, Information Management, Marketing, and Organisation and Strategy.

All study programmes have achieved accreditation by the Dutch Flemish Validation Council (NVAO). Additionally, the business programmes have achieved accreditation by AACSB International. All represent hallmarks of excellence that make it possible for Tilburg University to compete not only with European Universities, but also with some of the best Universities in the world.



Rankings

The Faculty of Economics and Business Administration is consistently ranked in the top best universities in Europe.

Some of the most recent rankings:

- Number one in Economics research in Europe according to the latest ranking of the European Economic Association (2003)
- Number three in Economics research in Europe (www.econphd.net 2004)
- Number three in Business research in Europe according to a ranking of the School of Management of the University of Texas, Dallas in 2008

For an overview of the latest rankings and accreditations of Tilburg University, please visit our website: www.tilburguniversity.nl/rankings.

Partnerships & Academic Cooperation

The Faculty of Economics and Business Administration has established institutional agreements with a number of selected top universities worldwide to facilitate long-term academic cooperation and to increase the international exposure of the Faculty. For more information, please visit: www.tilburguniversity.nl/partnerinstitutions.



The CentER for Economic Research is the research institute of the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration. As a top research institute in Europe, it draws on the academic expertise of some of the most outstanding minds in the fields of economics and business. With its international orientation, CentER offers an environment that fosters rigorous academic research across the entire spectrum of economics and business research. Its MPhil & PhD programmes prepare the next generation of economists and business researchers to meet the challenges of the economy of the future. CentER covers all research fields in economics and business administration and provides intensive graduate programmes in these fields.

“CentER is a solid institution with a very good reputation that presents a high level of education programmes, which help to enrich your knowledge and realize your potential. One year of studying at CentER reconfirms that I made a good choice.”

Carlos Lourenço, PhD Marketing



Seven reasons to choose CentER

1 International orientation

CentER attracts scholars from all parts of the world and values the important role of overseas students. Our students originate from many different countries and are studying a wide range of subjects. International students make up fifty percent of our student body, and therefore all our programmes are taught entirely in English. Furthermore, English is the second language for the majority of the Dutch population, creating an international environment. We also encourage our students to broaden their academic horizon by enabling them to visit top international universities during the PhD phase of their study.

2 Tutorial teaching

As well as taking core methodological courses, electives and topics courses, CentER students attend lectures and seminars from top scholars all over the world including Michael Ignatieff, Robert F. Engle, John Roberts, Martin S. Feldstein and Daniel Kahneman. Students are taught in very small groups by CentER fellows and visitors from international institutes. Our students have therefore both the opportunity to learn from and to participate in cutting edge research.

3 The research university setting

We provide collegiate communities in the context of an attractive and compact campus with excellent facilities. CentER has its own lab for experiments (CentERlab), and our partner CentERdata offers excellent facilities for data collection and experiments. The library at Tilburg University offers (often electronic) access to many books, journals and discussion paper series. State-of-the-art hardware, software and datasets are available to all researchers. CentER has a dedicated MPhil room for first year students. These students have access to one of eleven computers and printing facilities. These computers are fitted with standard Tilburg University software, but it is possible to have any study-related software added. MPhil second year students also have a room, computer and printing facilities, supplied by the department related to their study subject. Next, we offer special services to our international students such as help with applying for a visa and finding accommodation.

4 The global strength of our reputation and qualifications

Our qualifications are recognised and valued around the world. We are consistently ranked in the top best universities in Europe. For example we are number one in Economics research according to the European Economic Association, and in the www.econphd.net ranking we are Europe's number three institute and number 24 worldwide. In Business research, we are number three in Europe and number 53 worldwide according to a ranking of the School of Management of the University of Texas, Dallas. For an overview of the latest rankings and accreditations, please visit our website: www.tilburguniversity.nl/rankings.

5 Career prospects

Graduates of Tilburg University go on to work in a range of academic professions. We assist our students preparing for the international job markets. Our PhD's have found positions at University of Chicago, Santa Fe Institute, Oxford University, University of Toronto, University of Cambridge, Texas A&M University, to name a few.

6 Financial aid

CentER has its own scholarship programme for MPhil students. CentER scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic merit, and always include a partial tuition fee waiver for non-EEA students. Full scholarships consist of a monthly net sum of € 1000 per month

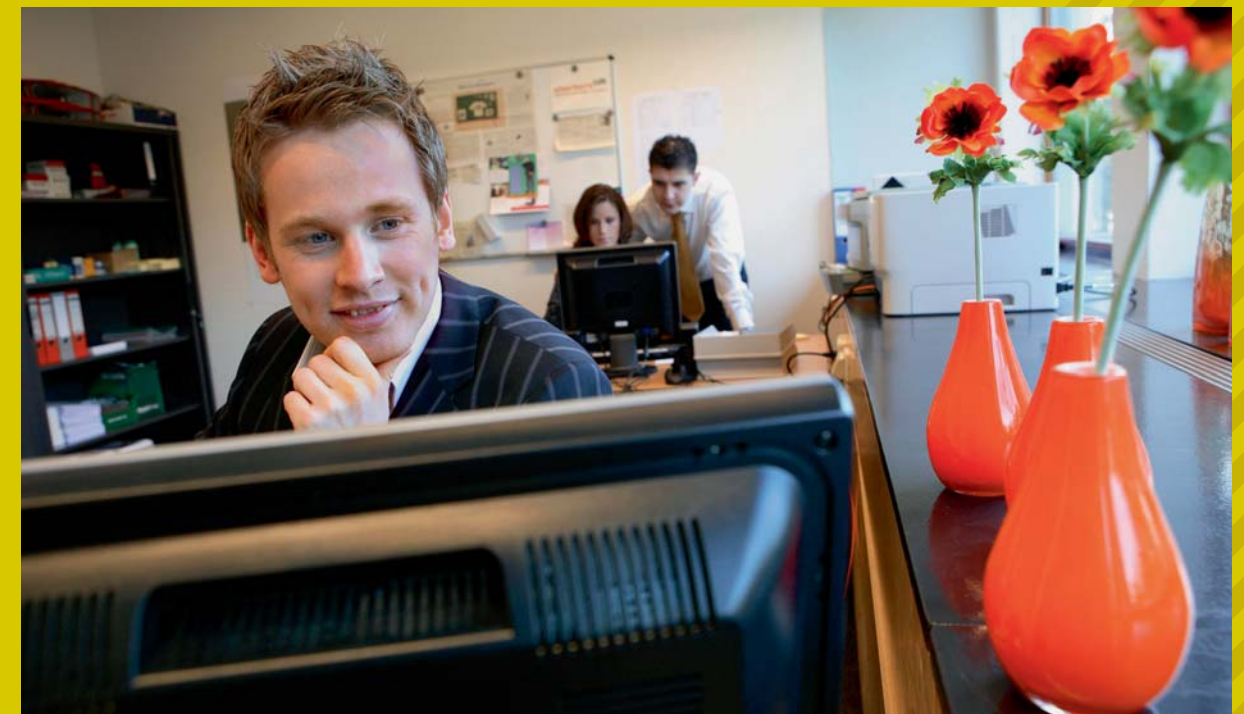
(Koopmans Scholarships). Partial scholarships consist of the monthly net sum of € 400 per month. In 2007/2008 we awarded eight Koopmans scholarships and twenty partial scholarships. Our students can also participate in the Tilburg University Scholarship Programme (TUSP). In 2008/2009 eight students qualified for TUSP scholarships of € 400 net per month. All students admitted to the PhD programme will receive a full tuition fee waiver. As PhD students at CentER are considered employees of Tilburg University, they will receive a starting salary of approximately € 2,400 (gross per month) and will profit from all the benefits attached to employee status. This salary increases yearly to achieve the final salary of approximately € 3,100 (gross per month). For more information about financial aid, please see our website: <http://center.uvt.nl/gs/tuition.html>.

7 Guaranteed PhD positions

We offer approximately 60 MPhil positions yearly. For about 80% of these students a paid PhD position is available. MPhil students who fulfil our requirements of gaining an average grade of 8.0 are guaranteed a paid PhD position.

Facts and Figures

- CentER is the research institute of the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration at Tilburg University.
- The Research Master's programmes have been accredited by the AACSB International and the Dutch Flemish Validation Council (NVAO).
- CentER hosts 150 faculty members who divide their time between teaching a variety of courses in the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration and conducting research.
- CentER consists of nine research groups: Econometrics, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Accounting, Information Management, Finance, Marketing, Operations Research, and Organization.
- CentER has enrolled more than 300 PhD students. Approximately half of these students are international students.



In the CentER of Europe

CentER is located in the centre of Europe, with Amsterdam, Brussels, London, Paris, and Berlin in close proximity.



MPhil & PhD Programme in Business

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At a Glance

Name	MPhil & PhD Programme in Business
Tracks	Accounting, Finance, Marketing, Organisation, Operations Research
Croho*	60908
Duration	5 years (2 years MPhil, 3 years PhD)
Type	Full-time
Title	Master of Philosophy (MPhil) and PhD
Language of Instruction	English
English Proficiency	TOEFL 577 (paper based), 90 (internet based), Academic IELTS 6.5 minimum
GMAT/GRE	90% or higher on quantitative section
Education	Lectures, seminars and workshops
Exams	Written exams, oral exams, papers, thesis
Career Prospects	Primary academic positions
Start	September
Information Day	27 November 2008 and 16 May 2009
More Information	www.tilburguniversity.nl/masters

* Registration Code for Dutch students to register with the IB-Group

Characteristics

The MPhil & PhD programme in Business consists of a two-year research master's programme (MPhil) and a three-year PhD phase. The MPhil programme gives a broad basis in one of five fields, or tracks: Accounting, Finance, Organisation, Marketing and Operations Research. You will choose one of these tracks right at the start. During the MPhil programme, you will build up theoretical and technical knowledge of the subjects and develop the skills required for cutting-edge research in these fields. During the PhD phase, you will apply what you have learned in the MPhil programme.

The programme revolves entirely around original research and a final dissertation. You will be supervised by CentER faculty. By doing independent research and working with experienced staff members, you will gain research experience and develop strong analytical capacity. During the programme, you are provided ample opportunity to build a research record and to advance your career even before the PhD programme is completed.

Is this the right programme for me?

Enrolling in our programme means embarking on a complete graduate programme and qualifies you for research positions anywhere in the world. Are you ambitious, interested in an academic career and willing to work hard? CentER offers you the challenge you seek.

Prof. Dr. Xavier Martin

Professor of Organisation and Strategy

The MPhil is nearly unmatched anywhere in Europe as preparation for a PhD

"I teach the Advanced Strategy and International Business seminar. This course addresses research questions about the scope and performance of business firms, including applications to critical areas of scholarship in international business and innovation strategy. It also covers recent methodological advances that offer sophisticated means of dealing with these research questions in practice. Few MPhil or PhD programmes everywhere, and hardly any in Europe, are offering such a seminar. In recent years, the seminar has been attended not only by MPhil students in Organisation & Strategy, but also by ambitious students in Marketing or Economics. It is noted for the intensive intellectual discussions that it encourages and supports. Tilburg is a university with all the advantages of the Netherlands and Europe, where students will be challenged and are able to learn from professors who conduct world-class research. The MPhil in Business offers one of the most complete sets of fundamental and advanced courses anywhere in Europe. The Tilburg programme offers intensive interaction with professors who are top-notch researchers and uphold intellectual standards consistent with outstanding graduate research programmes around the world. As such, the MPhil is nearly unmatched anywhere in Europe as preparation for a PhD and for a successful long-term academic career."





MPhil Programme

The MPhil programme is offered over two years and consists of 120 credits (ECTS), equivalent to 3360 hours of study. Each year consists of two semesters of 30 ECTS each. You will take methodological courses, field courses and electives in one of the five tracks. The methodological courses are mandatory and you must take at least two of the three courses offered. The field courses are also mandatory and provide broad knowledge in Accounting, Finance, Marketing, Operations Research, or Organisation, depending on which track you have chosen. Electives are offered within each track. It is therefore possible to take field courses from another track as an elective. This gives you the opportunity to develop a rich and varied background, consistent with your individual preferences and needs. Electives may be courses within CentER Graduate School, or courses offered by national or international networks. By the end of the year, you will be capable of writing a paper for an international journal.

For more information about the programme and the courses, please check the Graduate School website www.center.nl/gs/gpb

PhD Programme

During the PhD phase you will not take courses. You will mainly be working on your dissertation. Furthermore, you are prepared to become an effective teacher, capable of meeting the increasingly high demands for excellence at universities and business schools. In order to develop teaching skills, you will teach courses to bachelor's students. The teaching load will be less than 15%, so you will have enough time to focus on research. As a PhD student, you will also participate in seminars and professional conferences. Here you will present papers related to your research. You will be encouraged to attend, and present at, (inter)-national conferences as early in your training as possible. We also provide generous funding for longer visits to excellent international schools. You will receive first-class supervision from academics who actively participate in international networks and who are at the forefront of their field.

Career Prospects

Fully qualified PhD students embark on independent research. After completing the PhD thesis you are expected to be able to successfully enter the international job market. In 2007/2008 our students were placed at top universities, such as Columbia University, Texas A&M University, University of Cambridge, University of Chicago, and University of Toronto.

Full details of these placements can be found at: www.center.nl/topplacements.html

Péter Cziráki

MPhil student in Business

I consider it an honour to conduct research at one of Europe's best Finance departments

"My choice fell upon the MPhil in Business at CentER, because of the strength of the Finance Department at Tilburg University. During the application stage, all my questions about the programme were answered thoroughly by another Hungarian student and his opinion confirmed my initial judgment about the programme. Furthermore, I received a Huygens Scholarship which secured my finances in the final phase of my MPhil studies.

In a nutshell, I would describe the MPhil in Business programme as rather demanding and wellconstructed. The programme prepares you to understand and critically evaluate state-of-the-art finance papers. This means learning the most prominent theories as well as providing solid econometric foundations and the know-how to assess and conduct empirical work.

My schedule involves classes three mornings a week. In the afternoon I usually work on one of my papers at the MPhil room or at home. During the weekends, there is always time to catch up on household chores, spend time with friends or visit Dutch cities or neighbouring countries.

At the end of the day, the graduate school is only as good as the students who obtain their doctorate. In my department, the professors take this very seriously and invest enormously into us. They are approachable, helpful and friendly with all MPhil students on a person-to-person basis.

In April, I was offered a PhD position at the Finance Department which I happily accepted. I consider it an honour to conduct research at one of Europe's best Finance departments, not to mention the compensation package which I found quite attractive. Apart from my current thesis topic my advisor and I have already agreed to pursue two other research projects through the course of next year."



Man-Wai Chow

PhD Student in Business, Marketing

The research environment is very social and inspiring

“After I finished my Master of Philosophy degree in Organisation and Strategy at CentER, I became very interested in doing research. I therefore decided to apply for a PhD position. Fortunately, I was offered a place at the Marketing department. As my research focus is on Marketing Channels, my background in Organisation and Strategy is quite helpful. More specifically, I look at how firms can better manage their marketing channels in order to make a product or service available for end-users. I chose CentER, because it is one of the top schools in Europe. The research environment is very social and inspiring. Furthermore, learning from the top marketing researchers is quite a privilege and a very valuable experience. The PhD programme is quite demanding, as it is a mix of research, education and teaching. Working weeks of more than 50 hours are common, but at the end of the day I realise that I really enjoy what I am doing.”



Admission Requirements

If you apply for an MPhil or PhD programme, the CentER Graduate School will assess your application.

Approximately 30 students are admitted to the MPhil programme. To enter the MPhil programme, admission is based on your undergraduate academic performance and standardised admission tests. You should at least have obtained a bachelor's degree in economics, econometrics or business science, or have an equivalent academic background. Your average score should be at least 7.0 (on a scale of 10 equivalent to a C). Furthermore, we require a score of 90% or higher on the quantitative section of the GMAT or GRE test. Any student whose mother tongue is not English or who has not worked or studied in an English language environment for at least three years must take the Academic IELTS or TOEFL. For the Academic IELTS, your test score should at least be 6.5. On the TOEFL you should at least have scored 577 on the paper based test or 90 on the Internet-based test.

If you are already in possession of a Master of Arts or Science degree in economics, econometrics or business science, you can join our MPhil programme in the second year. You will be granted a number of waivers for first-year courses. These waivers will be granted on an individual basis, depending on the relevancy of your degree.

We offer 80% of our MPhil students a PhD position. Selection of students for the PhD programme is based on individual performance. The places will be allocated to the most suitable student(s). MPhil students who fulfil our requirements of gaining an average grade of 8.0 (on a scale of 10, equivalent to a B) are guaranteed a paid PhD position at the end of their study. If you are already in possession of an MPhil degree in a relevant field, you are also welcome to apply for a PhD position.

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English Proficiency	TOEFL 577 (paper based) 90 (internet based), Academic IELTS 6.5 minimum
GRE/GMAT	90% or higher on quantitative section
Education	Lectures, seminars, and workshops
Exams	Written exams, oral exams, papers, thesis
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Start	September
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Characteristics

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Is this the right programme for me?

The MPhil programme in Economics is designed as an essential starting point for future PhD students or those interested in a research-oriented career. We invite the finest calibre students from all over the world to attain the highest level of academic excellence by entering this programme. The programme is developed to train highly motivated and highly qualified students in applying advanced theories and techniques to economic problems.

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For more information about the programme and the courses, please check the Graduate School website www.center.nl/gs/gpe.

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Ting Jiang (MSc)

PhD student in Economics

The top-notch researchers at CentER made me decide to apply for the PhD programme

"In the year 2003, I started my bachelor's study International Economics and Finance at Tilburg University. Great teachers, like Lans Bovenberg, Eric van Damme and Jan Boone, motivated me to stay in Tilburg for the MPhil programme and subsequently my PhD study. The green environment of the university campus and the top-notch researchers at CentER made me decide to apply for the PhD programme.

Becoming a PhD student gave me the opportunity to occupy myself with things I don't understand but which I would like to understand. Especially given that the days of our time are filled with huge uncertainty and the world is ever increasingly ready to embark changes in all directions. I received a NWO-Mozaiek grant which gave me the chance to conduct my research project about combating corruption with leniency schemes. In fewer words, it is about societal preferences (culture), legal design (leniency) and corruption.

Inferring from my experience of doing research for the last 18 months, there are many aspects of doing research that I like. The challenge of asking good questions and giving good answers; the satisfaction of both the process and the outcome of getting to the bottom of the matter and the elevation of learning from great researchers and their current research projects.

According to how I think of the future here and now, I would like to stay outside of China in the short run. In the long run, I would like to stay close to my parents. In terms of occupation, I would love to stay in academics if I succeed in becoming a qualified PhD. As a rule of thumb, I'd love to become who I am, do what I am best at and stay where I am most wanted."





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Prof. Dr. Eric van Damme

Professor of Economics, director of TILEC and a member of the Royal Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) as well as fellow of the European Economic Association (EEA).

A PhD from CentER is a ticket to the world



“My research covers a broad range of topics. Questions like: “Does the patent system help or hinder innovation?” and “Why was Microsoft found guilty of abusing its dominant position in the EU, but not in the US?” interest me very much. I like to work in an interdisciplinary environment, which is offered by the research institutes TILEC (Law and Economics) and TIBER (Behavioral Economics). The MPhil & PhD programme in Economics allows students to obtain a solid understanding of the basic theoretical and empirical tools of economics. I find it fascinating to see how versatile these are; they indeed allow one to work on many different problems and with a quite diverse set of people. Next to the compulsory core courses, students can choose from a large set of field courses, allowing for specialization. I advise students to take advantage of the many seminars that are offered by CentER, TIBER and TILEC. This way, they get to know where the research frontier is, they learn about the most interesting problems, and they experience the excitement of discovering something new. The MPhil & PhD programmes at CentER are rigorous and demanding. They compete with the best programmes worldwide. They stimulate students to bring out the best in themselves. Joining CentER also allows students to participate in exchanges with other leading universities. As experience shows, a PhD from CentER is a ticket to the world.”

Pedro Raposo

PhD student in Economics from Portugal

I enjoy learning from top-level professors

“Before coming to The Netherlands, I did a four-year-degree programme in Economics and a Master of Science in Statistics at Universidade Nova de Lisboa. After that, I worked for four years in a firm responsible for the Interbanking System in Portugal (SIBS) and for the last three years I taught Macroeconomics, Microeconomics and Econometrics in Universidade Nova de Lisboa. After this experience, I knew I wanted to continue in an academic career. This is what motivated me to come to Tilburg University, which is known for its academic excellence. In fact there are two main reasons for my application. First, Tilburg University is in the top positions in European rankings, especially in econometrics. The second reason is the opportunity to work with Professor Jan van Ours, which is very stimulating. When I was an MPhil student, my days were filled with participating in courses in the MPhil in Economics, not only in Tilburg, but also in Utrecht (NAKE courses), and working on my first paper. During this period, I studied the dynamics in the Portuguese labour market and how they are affected by changes in labour market institutions.



I have also looked at the identification of the impact of standard hours reduction in Portugal on employment and other variables such as wages. I enjoy learning from top-level professors and having access to the latest research methods and themes. Besides writing my dissertation, I still manage to have time to enjoy the great facilities offered by the Sports Centre, learn Dutch at the Language Centre and appreciate living in Tilburg.”



Application Procedures

If you apply for an MPhil or PhD programme, the CentER Graduate School will assess your application. The admissions procedure usually takes approximately four weeks. In order to facilitate this process, it is imperative that you include all the required documents and meet all the academic requirements. Applications for admission are assessed throughout the year. However, if you wish to start in September, you will need to apply before the deadline (see: deadline for application). You are strongly encouraged to apply as early as possible, especially if you need financial assistance, require a visa or would like assistance with finding accommodation.

Please note:

- Tilburg University only accepts and assesses complete applications.
- An advanced level of English -in both oral and writing skills- is indispensable.
- Tilburg University reserves the right to refuse any student.

Application Checklist

Your application for one of the MPhil programmes should include:

- A printed copy of a completed and signed application form (available online: www.center.nl/gs).
- A copy of your valid passport.
- A certified copy¹ of your Bachelor's degree or Master's degree.
- A transcript of records / list of grades.
- A description of the contents and the level of the subjects/ courses included in your Bachelor's or Master's degree.
- One of the following documents:
 - The original copy of your GMAT test score if you apply to the Graduate programme in Business. The GMAT Institutional Code for Tilburg University is VMV-LT-92.
 - The original copy of your GRE test score if you apply to the Graduate programme in Economics. The GRE Institutional Code for Tilburg University is 0730.
- The original copy of your English proficiency test score, preferably the Academic IELTS, alternatively, TOEFL. The TOEFL Institutional code for Tilburg University is 9860. An English proficiency test is not required if:
 - You are an English native speaker, i.e. if you are a citizen of, or have obtained your degree in one of the following countries: Australia, Canada (with exception of Quebec), New Zealand, United Kingdom, Ireland and the United States of America.
 - You have a Bachelor's or Master's degree of a programme completely taught in English.

- Two different letters of reference.
- A sworn translation of all your diplomas/certificates, transcripts of records/lists of grades and other documents, if these are not already in Dutch, English, French or German.
- A letter of motivation.
- Curriculum vitae.

CentER Graduate School does not charge an application fee.

¹ *Certified copies are official copies of an original document. The Dutch Embassy or Consulate in your home country can issue them upon presentation of the original document. In some countries, the city hall, notaries and banks are allowed to certify as well.*

² *EEA-countries are: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.*

³ *Non-EEA countries not requiring visa: Australia, Canada, Japan, Liechtenstein, Monaco, New Zealand, South Korea, Switzerland, USA, Vatican City State.*

Deadline for Application

Please make sure that the Application Package for the academic year 2009-2010 reaches us before the following deadlines in order to guarantee housing and a visa procedure for Non-EEA citizens². Please note that all programmes start only once a year in September. All applicants are advised to submit their application by the early, 1 February deadline, because both the number of places and the funding opportunities are limited.

All scholarship and PhD applications

1 February 2009

EEA and non-EEA member state citizens

1 April 2009

All applicants not requiring a visa³, residence permit or assistance with accommodation

1 July 2009

Tuition Fee

The tuition fees for the academic year 2009-2010* will be:

EEA citizens	€ 1597
Non-EEA citizens	€ 10272

- Tuition fee payments are non-refundable if a student has to leave the programme before graduation.
- Students from EEA countries can make use of the so-called “collegegeldkrediet” (tuition fee credit) as offered by the Dutch government to borrow the money they need for their tuition fee payments. For more information, please check: www.ib-groep.nl
- Due to generous subsidies, excellent MPhil students from non-EEA countries will receive substantial waiver reductions of up to € 7812, so that only the legal minimum fee of € 2460 has to be paid.

**Provisional, fees still had to be approved by the Dutch government at the moment this brochure was printed.*

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Website

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