

Economics: PhD

The PhD in Economics program at the Lang School of Business and Economics will prepare you to become an independent and skilled researcher, in preparation for a career in academia, public or private sector. As a student in the program, you will benefit from learning and conducting your own research beside some of the world's most renowned economists and leaders in financial economic theory. Our faculty currently rank in the top 4% of the world for research output in economics, according to Research Papers in Economics (RePEc).

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PROGRAM

The PhD in Economics program begins with three semesters of course work covering PhD-level microeconomics, macroeconomics and econometrics, followed by comprehensive examinations in economic theory and a qualifying dissertation proposal. The remainder of the program is devoted to the completion and defense of a full doctoral dissertation.

RESEARCH FIELDS

- Financial Economics
- Resources, Environment and Energy
- Development and Growth
- Applied Microeconomics
- Econometrics

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

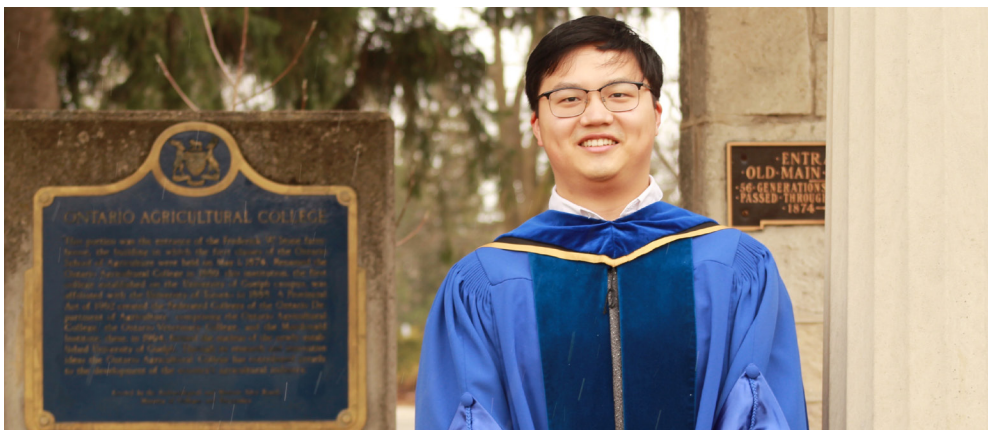
- A recognized Master's degree in Economics with a minimum A-average (80%)
- Strong background in economic theory and econometrics

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

We offer financial support for 4 years to both qualified domestic and international students in the form of:

- Graduate teaching assistantships
- Scholarships and fellowships
- Instructor / sessional opportunities
- Research assistantships

Funding is sufficient to cover costs of tuition and living.



"The diversity and inclusion of the PhD program was of key importance for me to choose Lang School and the active collaboration between the faculty and doctoral students has prepared me well for my future academic career."

– Renliang Liu (PhD 2022, Assistant Professor of Economics, Liaoning University)

FACULTY EXPERTISE

The department has a faculty complement of 27, with teaching and research interests across the entire range of economic and financial analysis. PhD Candidates may write a dissertation in any of the areas of expertise of the graduate faculty in the Department.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Academia – Recent PhD graduates hold faculty positions in Canada at: University of Toronto, University of Waterloo, Carleton University, Toronto Metropolitan University, St. Mary's University, University of Windsor
- Government
- Consulting
- Statistician or data analyst
- Recent placements include: TD Bank, Royal Bank of Canada, Statistics Canada, Treasury Board Secretariat of Ontario, CPP Investment Board, C.D. Howe Institute

Application Deadline:

January 15, 2026
– submission of online application
February 1, 2026
– all supporting documents

Entry: Fall

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