

CALL FOR DOCTORAL CONTRACT APPLICATIONS

PhD student (M/F) in Economics: Experimental and Behavioral Economics

General information

Place of work: Laboratoire GATE - 35 rue Raulin 69007, Lyon

Publication date: 15/04/2025

Scientific coordinator: Eugenio Verrina

Type of contract: Doctoral contract

Duration of the contract: 36 months

Start date of the thesis: 10/2025

Employment: Full time

Salary: around 2 200 € gross monthly

Laboratory: GATE-Lyon/Saint Etienne

Doctoral School: ED 486 - Ecole Doctorale Sciences Economiques et de Gestion de Lyon

Description of thesis topic

The student will conduct his/her research on topics related to experimental and behavioral economics. The PhD student will be supervised by Eugenio Verrina (eugenio.verrina@univ-lyon2.fr), a researcher at GATE and the University of Lyon 2, together with another GATE member. Several research orientations are possible. The first concerns the role of cognition (memory, emotions, language, attention, motivational reasoning, etc.) in economic decisions involving the elaboration and transmission of information, and the formation of beliefs. Another concerns the role of formal and informal institutions (social norms, laws, markets, organizations, incentive systems, etc.) in economic decisions, particularly in relation to moral, cooperative and ethical behavior.

The ideal candidate is a highly motivated student with a strong background in economics, psychology, or related fields. A keen interest in behavioral and experimental methods is highly desirable. Experience with experimental design, programming, and statistical analysis (e.g., R, Python, Stata) is a great advantage. The candidate should be curious, independent, and able to work both autonomously and collaboratively. Strong communication skills and proficiency in academic writing in English are essential.

The selection process will consist in two steps. A preselection will take place in mid-May (interviews from May 26 to 27, 2025). The selected candidate(s) will then be auditioned by the doctoral school to officially validate their admission.

| Work environment |
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| <p>The PhD student will be recruited by Université Lumière Lyon 2 for a period of 36 months and will work at GATE. He/she will be enrolled in the doctoral program at the Ecole Doctorale Sciences Economiques et de Gestion de Lyon. The PhD is funded by the ANR.</p> <p>GATE enjoys a leading international reputation in experimental and behavioral economics (top 2% according to the IDEAS ranking). It has an experimental platform (GATE-Lab, http://gatelab.gate.cnrs.fr/) comprising a behavioral laboratory, a laboratory for physiological measurements, an eye-tracking laboratory and a mobile laboratory for field experiments. The laboratory offers a collaborative and dynamic research environment, with access to cutting-edge resources, as well as various seminars and events with opportunities for exchange with renowned experts in economics.</p> |
| Requirements |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - First thesis enrolment in 2025/2026 - Not be enrolled in a doctoral program at another French or foreign higher education institution (excluding joint supervision). - Hold a Master's degree or equivalent in economics or related disciplines, and meet the eligibility requirements set by the doctoral school (see the ED Sciences Economiques et de Gestion de Lyon website). |
| Application procedure |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Detailed CV. - Academic transcripts (including provisional grades for ongoing studies, where applicable). - Cover letter (max 4 pages max with references) outlining motivation/fit with the position and a research project proposal. - Master's thesis if available, or any relevant research done up until now. - Name and email address of up to two reference letter writers. - Send applications in pdf format to eugenio.verrina@univ-lyon2.fr before midnight May 15, 2025. |
| Calendar |
| <p>15/04/2025: publication of call for applications.</p> <p>15/05/2025: deadline for applications.</p> <p>26-27/05/2025: preselection interviews.</p> <p>02/06/2025: notification of candidates authorized to proceed.</p> <p>29/06/2025: deadline for applications to the Doctoral School.</p> <p>10-11/07/2025: interviews with the Doctoral School.</p> |
| Composition of the selection committee |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preselection: Eugenio Verrina and Fabio Galeotti - Selection Committee of ED 486 - Lyon Doctoral School of Economics and Management |