

Call for Applications

for at least **4 fully-funded doctoral research positions** in **Economics** (75% TVL E 13)

Program start: 1 October 2021

Application deadline: 31 March 2021

More info: www.regional-disparities.de

Doctoral Research Training Group
“Regional Disparities and Economic Policy”
 (funded by the German Research Foundation)

The causes and consequences of regional disparities are subject to a lively debate both in academia and in public. Started in October 2019, the University of Duisburg-Essen, the Ruhr-Universität Bochum and the Technical University Dortmund run the joint graduate program “Regional Disparities and Economic Policy”, funded by the German Research Foundation.

The overarching goal of the research training group (RTG) is to provide an outstanding education for doctoral students in its research area while at the same time contributing to frontier research in its field. Combining the expertise of scholars from different economic backgrounds (e.g. labor, public, macro, health) and thus different methodological skills, institutional knowledge, and data access, establishes a research training group that promises internationally visible scientific output and an excellent academic training environment for PhD candidates. The RTG therefore approaches the topics from different topical and methodological angles. For more details on the program and the application procedure, please visit <https://www.regional-disparities.de/applications/>. Application deadline: **31 March 2021**

We offer at least 4 fully-funded doctoral research positions (75%, TV-L E13, 3 years with the possibility of continuation funding) for the cohort of students to enter in October 2021. (Gross salary amounts to about €2750 per month. There is no tuition. There are no application fees.)

What we offer:

- A tailor-made qualification program, enabling high-quality PhD dissertations in three years, including targeted course-work, funding for (international) research stays, conference and summer school participation, as well as an excellent supervision environment and job market support.
- A unique research environment and infrastructure in the dynamic Ruhr Valley Region in Germany, with ten principal investigators at four economics departments, an extensive network of local and international expertise that is regularly tied into the qualification and research program.
- Family friendly environment geared to promote equal opportunity and diversity. International applicants are highly welcome! The program is entirely in English and we support accepted international students in obtaining visa, housing, etc.

What we expect from successful candidates:

- Research oriented master's degree by October 2021 in Economics or a related field (e.g. Mathematics, Statistics). A strong background in Economics at the advanced Master's level is desired, but can to some extent be compensated by a strong background in mathematics or statistics.
- Advanced skills in econometrics as well as experience in programming and in dealing with large data sets is advantageous.
- Research interests in the field of regional disparities and a strong passion for research.

In addition to our PhD program in regional economics the UA Ruhr universities jointly run the Ruhr Graduate School in economics [RGS Econ](#). Interested applicants are encouraged to apply for both programs.