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To whom it may concern

### **Ph.D. Program in Economics at Uppsala University in Sweden**

The teaching of economics at Uppsala University has a long tradition. The first chair in economics was instituted in 1741. Today, a large number of professors, post-doctoral researchers and teachers are involved in our Ph.D. program. The large number of researchers and teachers—who are all specialists in their respective fields—makes it possible for us to offer supervision in a number of fields within economics such as development, environmental, family, financial, health, labor, macro, political and public economics.

The four-year program prepares our Ph.D. students both for a career in academia as well as for qualified positions in government ministries and agencies, international organizations and the private sector. Our Ph.D. program consistently receives very high marks in evaluations. Our alumni hold important positions throughout society.

We offer an intellectually stimulating and international research environment with several research seminars each week and a large flow of international guests. We have a comprehensive course program, where the elective courses are given in collaboration with Stockholm School of Economics and Stockholm University. The first year in our Ph.D. program comprises the mandatory courses in mathematical methods, microeconomics, macroeconomics and econometrics (including statistical preliminaries and time series analysis). Many of our Ph.D. students spend one or two semesters at top U.S. universities such as Harvard, MIT, Stanford and UC Berkeley.

- We offer financing in the form of a regular wage (12 months per year) or a stipend from the first day of study. All first-year students in the Ph.D. program receive a salary. There are no tuition fees. The salary/stipend covers the costs for accommodation and living costs.
- All students in the Ph.D. program have a furnished office space equipped with a computer in the department. During the first year in the program, students share office space with two or three other students, whereas from the second year onwards, two students share office space.

Yours sincerely,

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Please, see next page for FAQ (see <https://nek.uu.se/education/phd-program/faq-phd-programme/> for more FAQ).

**Q: When is the application deadline?**

A: We must receive all application documents no later than 1 February.

**Q: What are the admission requirements?**

A: You must have achieved a pass grade for courses equivalent to at least four years of studies, including at least one year of studies at the master's level and at least three semesters of studies in economics. It is not necessary to have studied economics at the master's level, although this is strongly recommended for a successful application.

**Q: Is the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) mandatory?**

A: No, but we *strongly* recommend foreign applicants to take the GRE test and ensure that the test result is sent directly to the department (school code: 0247; department code: 1801).

**Q: Does it make any difference if I use the GRE or GMAT scores when applying for the Ph.D. program?**

A: We accept the results from both tests, although we prefer that you take the TOEFL test and ensure that the test result is sent directly to the department.

**Q: Is the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) mandatory?**

A: No, but we strongly recommend foreign applicants to take the TOEFL test and ensure that the test result is sent directly to the department (institution code: 7996).

**Q: Does it make any difference if I use the TOEFL or IELTS scores when applying for the Ph.D. program?**

A: We accept the results from both tests, although we prefer that you take the TOEFL test and ensure that the test result is sent directly to the department.

**Q: To whom should my academic references send their letters of recommendations?**

A: Please, do not send any letters of recommendations if not asked to. We will contact the academic references for the most interesting applicants ourselves and ask for their letters of recommendations.

**Q: Should I approach potential supervisors for research opportunities before applying for the Ph.D. program?**

A: No, you should not do that. All admitted students are matched with their supervisors at the end of the first year in the Ph.D. program.

**Q: Can you give me an idea of my chances for admission to the Ph.D. program (e.g., based on GRE scores)?**

A: Unfortunately, it is not possible for us to evaluate your application beforehand. In addition, we do not evaluate an application based on one or two criteria. Instead, we carefully review all application documents (i.e., personal letter, theses, course grades, GRE scores, academic references, etc.) before making our decision.

**Q: When can I expect to be notified about your admission decision?**

A: A first round of notices of acceptance are sent out no later than mid-March. Applicants who are accepted to the Ph.D. program will be given a deadline by when to notify their decision to accept or reject our offer of admission. A second round of offers may be sent out once the first-round acceptance deadline has passed.

**Q: Will the department keep me informed of my application status?**

A: About five unsuccessful applicants in the first round will be put on the waiting list. If you are one of those applicants, we will keep a close contact with you about your application status. In a typical year, about 15-20 applicants are offered admission in the first round. Of those applicants, approximately one-half accepts our offer.

**Q: What about accommodation? If I am accepted to the Ph.D. program, where can I find somewhere to live in Uppsala?**

A: You can find information about accommodation in Uppsala here: <https://www.uu.se/en/admissions/study-and-live-in- uppsala/housing/> and <https://housingoffice.se/applying/guest-researchers/>

**Q: What are the job prospects for graduates from the Ph.D. program?**

A: There is a high demand for highly qualified economists, where our Ph.D. program prepares the students for a career in academia and for qualified positions in government ministries and agencies, international organizations and the private sector. The department actively support and train its students in job market placement. You can read more about the placements of our most recent graduates [here](#).

**Q: Whom do I contact if I have questions about the application and admission process not answered herein?**

A: Send an email to the admission officer, Christoph Hedtrich, at email address [christoph.hedtrich@nek.uu.se](mailto:christoph.hedtrich@nek.uu.se)