

PhD-Program: DIBT / Doctoral Program in International Business Taxation

Dear Colleagues,

We are proud to announce that the WU has a **“Doctoral Program in International Business Taxation” (DIBT)** that is going into its 11th year. This is a 3-year PhD program offered in **English** only, and it is open to outstanding students from all over the world who are interested in an excellent doctoral education preparing them for doing research in international business taxation.

The Doctoral Program provides high-quality interdisciplinary training for graduates in the field of international taxation, including and combining the disciplines of public finance, international tax law and cross border tax management. Although students will write their doctoral thesis in their own discipline (law, business, public finance, economic psychology), they will be exposed to intensive interdisciplinary discussions during their stay in Vienna. The opening of traditional tax training to other disciplines, such as economic psychology, history, political science, ethics and legal philosophy (always in the context of taxation), promotes a broadening of horizons and a more comprehensive approach to research questions. Best possible standards in both research and teaching are guaranteed by a faculty of renowned scholars, who have published in the most prominent journals of their respective research fields and have proven willingness and ability to do interdisciplinary research. The most distinguished professors in tax law, business administration and public finance are either on the faculty of this program or have agreed to teach courses, give workshops or to discuss research ideas and preliminary research results with the PhD students in Vienna. Students will be integrated into the research activities of the WU institutes dealing with taxation issues.

During the first year, students will be required to attend many comprehensive courses to provide the basic knowledge necessary for research within their own discipline as well as for interdisciplinary research. The second and the third years will be dedicated to seminars offering different perspectives on taxation, a research stay abroad, additional optional workshops, and especially to research on the thesis. Throughout the three years, a research seminar will supplement the students’ training.

We will admit a **very limited number of students** every year. For them, tuition fees will be waived and they will be provided with the best possible conditions for conducting research. The DIBT continues to be supported by the Austrian Science Fund (FWF) and for a certain number of students we will be able to provide **funding for their three-year stay at WU in Vienna!**

Please help us to spread the news at your university as you may have contact with promising students. Information about the Program can be found in our [BROCHURE](#) and [POSTER](#). We would kindly ask that you forward the links for the poster and the brochure to them. Applications will be accepted **from November 1, 2020 to February 15, 2021** for the upcoming academic year 2021/22.

Please find more information, including the specific DIBT research topics, at www.wu.ac.at/dibt.

Many thanks and kind regards,

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