



Call for Expressions of Interest – GATE PhD Program

The GATE research center is delighted to invite expressions of interest from students who wish to pursue a PhD at GATE through a doctoral contract. We are seeking highly motivated individuals with a strong academic background and a commitment to advancing research in economics and related fields.

Process

The process takes place in four steps:

1. Interested students express their interest to the GATE PhD committee.
2. The GATE PhD committee screens applicants.
3. Selected applicants receive support from the PhD officers to apply to the doctoral school.
4. The doctoral school awards PhD positions (doctoral contracts).

Eligibility Criteria

To express interest in the program, candidates should hold a Master's degree in economics or an equivalent qualification, or be in the process of completing a Master's degree (M2) in economics or a related field. A supervision agreement by a GATE faculty member is required.

Timeline

- **April 30:** expression of interest.
- **May 15:** decision of the GATE PhD committee.
- **June 29:** application to the doctoral school.
- **July 10 and 11:** audition by the doctoral school.

The final decision by the doctoral school is to be expected by mid-July.

Submission of Expressions of Interest

To express interest, candidates must submit:

- A detailed CV and a cover letter outlining their motivations and research objectives.
- Academic transcripts (including provisional grades for ongoing studies, where applicable).
- A short research project proposal (maximum 4 pages, including references).
- Master's thesis if available, or any relevant research done up until now.

All documents must be submitted in PDF format via email at gate-phdoffice@services.cnrs.fr. Please use the subject line: "YOUR_NAME - GATE PhD Expression of Interest." Ensure that the file containing the documents is named "YOUR_NAME - GATE Expression of Interest.pdf".

In addition, candidates should organize

- Two confidential reference letters directly sent to the PhD office by their writers. One letter should be from a research supervisor or academic mentor. The letters are not necessary for internal candidates (candidates from the M2 APE or M2 MBFA Economics and Finance at Université Lyon 2, and the M2 EDDS at Université Jean Monnet).
- An email from the GATE faculty member to the PhD office confirming the willingness to supervise the candidates.

Follow-up and Guidance for Candidates Who Meet the Eligibility Criteria

Candidates who manifest their interest, meet the eligibility criteria and are selected by the PhD committee will benefit from support and guidance from the PhD officers during their application process to the doctoral school. This includes assistance with refining the research proposal, preparing for the doctoral school interview, and providing additional feedback to strengthen the application.

External Funding Opportunities

We also encourage applicants to explore available external funding opportunities. Several calls for external funding are currently open, and we advise candidates to apply for them as part of their preparation for the PhD program:

- A doctoral contract funded by a European project ([link to project](#)), starting in October 2025. This contract will focus on a PhD in health economics and will be supervised by Lionel Perrier (lionel.perrier@lyon.unicancer.fr), a researcher at the Léon Bérard Center, affiliated with GATE. The recruitment of the PhD candidate will be carried out through a research institute in Germany ([link to institute](#)). Here is the offer: <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/jobs/293612>.
- A doctoral contract funded by the ANR, starting in October 2025 (start date flexible), with a focus on experimental and behavioral economics. The PhD student will be supervised by Eugenio Verrina (eugenio.verrina@univ-lyon2.fr), a researcher at GATE and University of Lyon 2, jointly with another GATE member. Potential topics for the dissertation include, but are not limited to, norms, motivated reasoning, and dishonesty. The call will be made public in due time.

Contact and Further Information

For more information about the program or the expression of interest process, please contact the GATE PhD Office at gate-phdoffice@services.cnrs.fr.