

PhD admission procedure

The Center for Economic Research on Governance, Inequality, and Conflict ([CERGIC](#)) at the École Normale Supérieure (ENS) de Lyon is seeking to recruit a PhD student for a three-year fixed-term contract to conduct research in areas aligned with CERGIC's focus.

CERGIC produces state-of-the-art research in economics related to governance, equality, information dissemination, and conflict resolution. It addresses research questions that contribute to the understanding of the numerous crises affecting modern societies, and that are structured around four main themes: social cohesion, spatial dynamics, information and environment.

The PhD position will start on September 1, 2026. The successful candidate will receive a monthly gross salary of €2.300 and will be based at CERGIC. Access to research funds will be provided to support the candidate's academic work. There is no mandatory teaching requirement associated with this position. However, PhD students at CERGIC have the opportunity to supplement their PhD grant through teaching activities in the Advanced Economics track at ENS de Lyon, where courses are taught in English.

Applicants are expected to show outstanding commitment to research in economics, with strong quantitative skills. The candidates must hold a Master in economics equivalent to the [Master in Advanced Economics](#).

For detailed application instructions and further information, please contact direction.cergic@ens-lyon.fr

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ADMISSION CALENDAR (2026)

- Deadline to submit your application: May 4th
- Interview of selected applicants (online): From May 18 to 22nd
- Release of admission decision: May 26th

APPLICATION PACKAGE

- A detailed CV and a cover letter.
- Transcripts of master-level grades (including official grades for the ongoing academic year).
- Research project (max 10 pages, including a detailed 3-year agenda).
- Master dissertation (while in progress, or equivalent research work).
- Two academic reference letters, which must be sent directly and confidentially to direction.cergic@ens-lyon.fr.

All documents must be sent as a single PDF file to direction.cergic@ens-lyon.fr.

