



em  
lyon  
business  
school

fondation

under the umbrella  
of the  
Fondation  
de  
France

# PhD scholarships

## Empower research, attract and support PhD students

Fundamental project

### In a nutshell

To deliver high-quality education, **emlyon relies on a world-class Faculty generating knowledge.**

**emlyon's research is key to feed its courses' academic content**, providing added-value and a differentiating trait to emlyon's teachings, but also to contribute to the **world's scientific conversation**, thereby securing its place in the societal discussions.

**As such, research is essential to back-up the School's position in the different international rankings and accreditations.**

We need to attract the best professors-researchers in a very competitive international context, and stand up against institutions with significant means.

### With your contribution, a solution

**emlyon business school created a free international doctoral program in this regard.** This program is designed to train **international students to become top-notch independent professors and researchers.**

These PhD students gain the **theoretical knowledge and methods skills** they will need to become good researchers, **they assist the emlyon permanent Faculty** (in implementing courses, student follow up...) and **conduct research projects.**

**This complete program (learning + teaching + thesis) is carried out entirely in English.**

Please note: awarded by **emlyon** business school, this PhD or Philosophae Doctor is different from the doctorate diploma only awarded by French universities and enables students to obtain positions abroad and in major public schools and universities (but not French universities). Thanks to a double degree agreement with the University of Lyon3, Phd students can combine a PhD from **emlyon** business school with a doctorate awarded by the University.

### Did you know?

The Shanghai ranking exclusively includes institutions reaching a minimum threshold of publications.

**In 2024, emlyon business school is ranked #3 of French schools in the Management category, in a tie with HEC.**

### Project holders:



**Jean-Luc ARRÈGLE /**  
Dean of Research



**Joonas ROKKA /**  
Director of the PhD program

*"This program is a strong asset to attract international high-profile talents on a global scale, to provide a significant assistance in the Professors' daily work, to feed in the job market with highly skilled young professors-researchers, and send out a strong signal showing how well structured and powerful our Research is."*

**Thanks to benefactors, emlyon and the Foundation of emlyon business school are to fund and cover all of the tuition fees and arrival expenses over 4 years, through scholarships for PhD students, to allow them to have the best possible conditions and be fully dedicated to their research works.**

Every year, **20 profiles are selected, including 5 new ones**, as per their academic records, their GMAT (Graduate Management Admission Test) and TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) scores, their academic references and their research project.



**Jessica / PhD student**

« What makes the emlyon's PhD program truly unique for me is the balance between academic rigor and intellectual openness. From the beginning, I have had the opportunity to engage in cutting-edge research in organizational studies, while being encouraged to develop my own voice as an academic. The professors are not only highly qualified, but also genuinely supportive, encouraging us to ask meaningful questions and creating a community of PhD students that is rare to find. Furthermore, the program's international perspective and the opportunities it offers, such as high-level academic conferences and connections to global research networks, are of immense value. Within the program, I have also had the chance to teach and develop courses, which has helped me grow both as a researcher and as an educator. »

## The Faculty's key figures

- 170 - soon 200 - permanent professors
- 91% with a PhD
- 82 professors with prevalent Research
- 40% of international professors from the best international universities (500 candidates for 10 positions opened annually)
- Selection: 200 applications, 6 students recruited



## emlyon, a leading scientific actor

The level and number of publications are proof of the quality of both the research team and its management. Based on the Hcéres ranking, our research unit produced on average 75.6 articles a year between 2016 and 2020, 64% of which were A-level publications and 20% B-level publications.

Relations with the socio-economic world are significant in certain key domains, thanks to the researchers' will to demonstrate the impact of their research through various actions.

(Extracts from the Hcéres (*Haut Conseil de l'Évaluation de la Recherche et de l'Enseignement Supérieur*) report 2020 and 2022).

## Financial amount required

To fund 100% of this program, we need to gather up:

**Goal reminder =**  
**€10,650 / scholarship / year x 20 PhD x 4 years**  
**which amounts to roughly €200,000 a year**



### Contact

**Lucie CONSTANT**

Chief Delegate of the emlyon Foundation  
don@em-lyon.com

## For philanthropists

- Where possible and if requested, benefactors can ask to target their support towards specific profiles (for instance, native country, research subject...).
- They will be invited to attend the various key events of the program.
- An assessment annual report will be provided.