

THEMATIC DOCTORAL PROGRAMMES

Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Economic Development



PROFILE

The doctoral programme builds upon the already successfully established AAU research initiative "Entrepreneurship" and explicitly extends its focus to areas of „Innovation“ and „Economic Development“. Through the participation of scholars from the fields of business administration, economics, sociology and humanities, it is possible to discuss entrepreneurship, innovation and economic development from different perspectives.

AIMS

The overall aim is to qualify young researchers scientifically and methodically for:

- international academic careers (incl. presentations of research findings at academic conferences and first publications in high ranked scientific journals)
- leading positions in politics and in public sector or management of private organisations
- entrepreneurship (e.g. business start-ups, business succession, corporate entrepreneurship)

FACTBOX

ACADEMIC DEGREE: Dr. rer.soc.oec

DURATION OF STUDIES: 3 years

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION: English

ADMISSION PREREQUISITES:

- General Admission to Doctoral Studies of Economics and Social Sciences at AAU
- Confirmation of supervision by a member of the doctoral programme
- Admission to thematic doctoral programme "Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Economic Development" (EIED)

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RESEARCH AREAS

Entrepreneurship

- topics along the entrepreneurial process (from opportunity identification to opportunity exploration)
- special topics like "female", "ethnic", "social" and "technological" entrepreneurship

Innovation

- technological- and business model innovations at company level
- macro-economic questions relevant to innovation (e.g. economic development, fragmented research systems and markets, insufficient support mechanisms)

Economic Development

- entrepreneurship and its impact on innovation and job creation
- entrepreneurship and its impact on transition economies or developing countries

ADMISSION PROCEDURE

Applicants send

- letter of motivation
- CV
- documents (certificates incl. evaluation results / grades and evidence of skills in one or more of the research fields of the doctoral program)
- envisaged topic of doctoral thesis / envisaged dissertation topic
- master thesis (pdf)
- reviews of master thesis

to the contact address. The decision about admission (after a hearing) will be taken jointly by the faculty members of the doctoral programme.

DEADLINES

There are no formal deadlines. Applications can be filed any time.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Basic module (minimum of 16 ECTS credits):

- central courses (on compulsory literature as well as theories and methods in innovation and entrepreneurship) which have to be taken by all doctoral students
- doctoral colloquium to enhance discussion and exchange among doctoral students and supervisors

Methods module (minimum of 20 ECTS credits):

- courses to expand methods competence
- additional in-depth methods courses can be chosen from CESEENet programme, EDEN seminars or VHB courses

Elective module (minimum of 12 ECTS credits): individual choice of thematic courses **Thesis**: preferably cumulative, written in English

POTENTIAL SUPERVISORS

FACULTY MEMBERS

- Prof. David Audretsch, Ph.D. (Department of Innovation Management and Entrepreneurship)
- Univ.-Prof. Dr. Dieter Bögenhold (Department of Sociology)
- Univ.-Prof. Dr. Robert Breitenecker (Department of Innovation Management and Entrepreneurship) — currently on leave of absence
- Univ.-Prof. Dr. Heiko Breitsohl (Human Resource Management, Leadership and Organizational Behavior)
- Assoc. Prof. MMag. Dr. Rita Faullant (M/O/T School of Management, Organizational Development and Technology)
- Priv.-Doz. Mag. Dr. Dietfried Globocnik (Department of Innovation Management and Entrepreneurship)
- Univ.-Prof. Dr. Nina Hampl (Department of Operations, Energy, and Environmental Management) — currently on leave of absence
- Univ.-Prof. Dr. Max-Peter Menzel (Department of Geography and Regional Studies)
- Univ.-Prof. Dr. Erich Schwarz (Department of Innovation Management and Entrepreneurship)
- Assoc. Prof. Mag. Dr. Martina Ukowitz (Human Resource Management, Leadership and Organizational Behavior)

SPEAKER

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