



**Call for Expressions of Interest
PhD Positions at LEM
Lille Economics & Management
2026 intake**



The Lille Economics and Management (LEM) research unit (UMR 9221, CNRS – Université de Lille & IESEG School of Management) will fund up to **5 PhD positions in economics**, starting in September 2026. This action is made possible thanks to the LEM's support institutions – University of Lille and IESEG School of Management as well as the French National Research Agency (ANR).

These positions are the following ones:

- One PhD position in Economic History, funded by the IESEG School of Management in the framework of FaMiGrowth (<https://www.anr-famigrowth.com/>) and Access to Healthcare, Human capital and Economic Growth in France” project. Full information here: <https://academicpositions.com/ad/ieseg-school-of-management/2026/phd-position-in-economics-specialising-in-economic-history-family-economics-and-economic-development-using-historical-data/245912>
- One PhD position in Financial Macroeconomics, funded by the ANR Project “CLIMSTAB – Climate Shocks and Banking Stability (more information here : <https://sites.google.com/view/maxime-fajeau/anr-climstab>)
- Up to three generalist PhD positions in relation to the domains of expertise of the laboratory, see description below. These positions are subject to the obtention of funding.

LEM invites expressions of interest from prospective PhD candidates willing to pursue a doctoral thesis in Economics or Management in one of these domains.

ABOUT LEM (and LILLE)

LEM is a joint research unit supported by three main sponsors (CNRS, the Université de Lille and the IESEG School of Management) bringing together researchers in economics and management within a dynamic and internationally oriented academic environment. With more than 200 faculty members and researchers and more than 60 PhD students, LEM is one of the largest research laboratories in economics and management in France. The laboratory is characterized by a strong collective dynamic, an active seminar culture, and sustained international collaborations.

Mainly located in Lille, at the heart of Northern Europe, the laboratory benefits from a particularly strategic geographical position. Lille is exceptionally well connected to major European capitals — Paris, Brussels and London are all within easy reach — fostering frequent academic exchanges and international mobility. Beyond its academic strengths, Lille offers an excellent quality of life, combining cultural vibrancy, accessibility, and a welcoming student environment. The laboratory has also premises in Paris la Défense, Dunkerque and Arras.

RESEARCH AREAS

Research at LEM is structured around **four major scientific axes** that reflect the laboratory's intellectual identity and the complementarity between economics and management : Management & Organization, Economic and Financial Flows, Marketing, Negotiation & Sales **and** Decision-making. We describe further the economic axis that will welcome successful candidates hereafter. Together, these four axes illustrate LEM's commitment to analytical rigor, methodological diversity and interdisciplinary dialogue between economics and management.

Economic and Financial Flows focuses on the analysis of flows in a broad sense — goods, capital and people — and brings together research in international economics, finance and population economics. Work within this axis covers international trade and macroeconomic integration, financial markets and institutions, corporate finance and governance, as well as the dynamics of migration and demographic change. Both theoretical and advanced econometric approaches are mobilized to study the determinants and consequences of these flows across space and time.

Decision-making examines individual and collective decision processes in both public and private contexts. Research spans operations research and organizational performance, risk and uncertainty analysis, and public policy evaluation. Scholars in this axis use theoretical, applied and empirical approaches — including econometrics, experimental methods and mathematical modeling — to analyze decision-making in areas such as public policy, health, environment, transportation and organizational performance.

WORKING CONDITIONS

Doctoral training and supervision are a core priority of the laboratory. To this end, the LEM allocates a significant share of its budget to doctoral affairs, reflecting a strong institutional commitment to supporting PhD students throughout their doctoral journey. As a result, PhD students recruited at the LEM benefit from high-quality working conditions, fully in line with the French public research system:

- Fully funded PhD contracts
- 3-year doctoral contract starting September 2026;
- Based in Lille with full access to University facilities;
- Structured doctoral training via LEM and the SESAM Doctoral School;
- Full integration into the scientific life of the laboratory;
- Support for international mobility and conference participation.

QUALIFICATIONS

Highly motivated and academically strong candidates interested in pursuing a PhD at the LEM are expected to meet the following requirements:

- Sound knowledge of economics;
- Command of written and spoken English;
- High level of team spirit and cooperative attitude;
- Experience with STATA or R is essential;
- Python is a valuable asset.

HOW TO EXPRESS INTEREST

Interested candidates should indicate in their application package the PhD funding to which they want to apply and they should submit:

- A CV;
- Academic transcripts;
- A statement of research interests (2–3 pages);
- Optionally, a sample of previous research work.

Expressions of interest should be sent to: t.baudin@ieseg.fr and jean.beuve@univ-lille.fr by **April, 30th** at latest.