# Ph.D. in Economics at the University of Florida

We're looking for a few good geeks.

## Why do a Ph.D. in Economics?

Economics is an exciting discipline with excellent employment opportunities. Econ Ph.D.'s develop indemand skills with data analytics and statistical methods. They complete rigorous research on a myriad of topics – for example, business strategy and market competition, poverty and inequality, the determinants of productivity and wages, public policy formation and effects both at the economy and local levels, and international finance and trade. Ph.D.'s in economics work in academia, industry, state and federal governments, and at think tanks. Salaries are high. Graduates routinely receive nine-month starting salaries above \$100,000 from colleges and universities and annual starting salaries above \$150,000 from private industry.

## What makes for a good applicant to the program?

While most Ph.D. students have an undergraduate major in economics or in finance, some do not. Being trained in mathematics or statistics can provide an excellent background to begin a Ph.D. program in economics. In addition to gaining some knowledge about economic theory and analysis, math and stats students will discover their skills are well matched to economic study.



## Why the University of Florida?

The Economics Department boasts excellent faculty with a commitment to the Program. It is a small program that emphasizes early involvement in conducting research. Faculty work closely with students, in many cases leading to joint publications and to an on-going research relationship.

## Should you apply?

We encourage good candidates to apply. In addition to having the requisite skills, it should be emphasized that succeeding in a Ph.D. program requires a major commitment, challenging but rewarding. Successful students have a modal time to completion of five years. We do not admit candidates who should not succeed!

## For more information about applying:

Check out http://economics.clas.ufl.edu. You can also contact the Graduate Coordinator with any questions to (Richard Romano, romanor@ufl.edu).

