

## **Two Fully-Funded PhD Studentships in the Economic Modelling and Forecasting Group, Warwick Business School, University of Warwick**

### **Application deadline 31 March 2014**

Two four-year PhD Studentships are available, starting 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014, for highly motivated and capable individuals to undertake a PhD in the Economic Modelling and Forecasting (EMF) Group at WBS. Suitable candidates should have a Master's degree in Economics or a related discipline from a recognised University, must possess excellent quantitative skills and have a keen interest in research areas of the Group.

The newly formed EMF Group research areas include: the theory and practice of Economic Modelling and Forecasting, Empirical Macroeconomics and Finance, Economics Statistics and Empirical Analysis of Energy and Commodities Markets. The Group's members regularly publish in leading academic journals and undertake projects for research councils, central banks and international organisations. The Studentships therefore offer the opportunity to interact with leading policymakers and decision makers.

For more details on the EMF Group see: <http://www.wbs.ac.uk/research/specialisms/teaching-groups/emf/>

For eligible applicants, the Studentships may cover all tuition fees at the Home/EU rate only and provide a tax-exempt annual living allowance (currently £13,826 pa.) for four years. The Studentships fund a combination of research training plus research for a PhD.

### **Project Summary**

We welcome applications and proposals in the following research areas of the group:

- Forecasting: point, interval, density and probability event forecasting; model uncertainty and combination; statistical and economic evaluation of forecasts; nowcasting; forecasting systems and software; regional economic modelling and forecasting
- Empirical macroeconomics and finance: monetary and fiscal policy; exchange rates; the use of economic models and forecasts by decision-makers
- The measurement and use of economic data; real-time; mixed frequency; qualitative business survey data
- Empirical analysis of energy and commodity markets
- Macro and micro-econometrics; time series; panel data; discrete choice models

**Supervision**

PhD students at WBS have two joint supervisors, which will comprise members of the Economic and Modelling Forecasting Group at WBS. As part of the four year programme, students are expected to attend examined taught courses in the first year of the programme. This will entail core courses and relevant courses recommended by the group in accordance with the PhD topic.

**To Apply**

Candidates must have, or expect to obtain, a First or a high Upper Second Class Honours Undergraduate degree, and/or a Master's degree, in Economics or a relevant discipline. You are strongly advised to contact potential supervisors within the EMF Group at WBS to discuss your application prior to application.

You do not need to have secured a potential supervisor's confirmation of supervision before applying, but it will help your application if a supervisor has already indicated some level of supervision interest. Shortlisted applicants may be invited to attend an interview at a date to be confirmed.

All applications must be made via the University's [online application system](#) and should state 'EMF Studentship' in the area for funding.

For more details, including: contact information, how to find information on eligibility, plus application forms and guidance notes, please contact the Doctoral Programme Office at: [phdadmissions@wbs.ac.uk](mailto:phdadmissions@wbs.ac.uk).