

# PhD at FRIC

(an insiders perspective)

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# Overview of Talk

## 1. PhD at FRIC

- Overview of program
- Daily life
- Social life

## 2. My perspectives on a PhD

- What I've learned so far
- Coolest things
- Biggest challenges

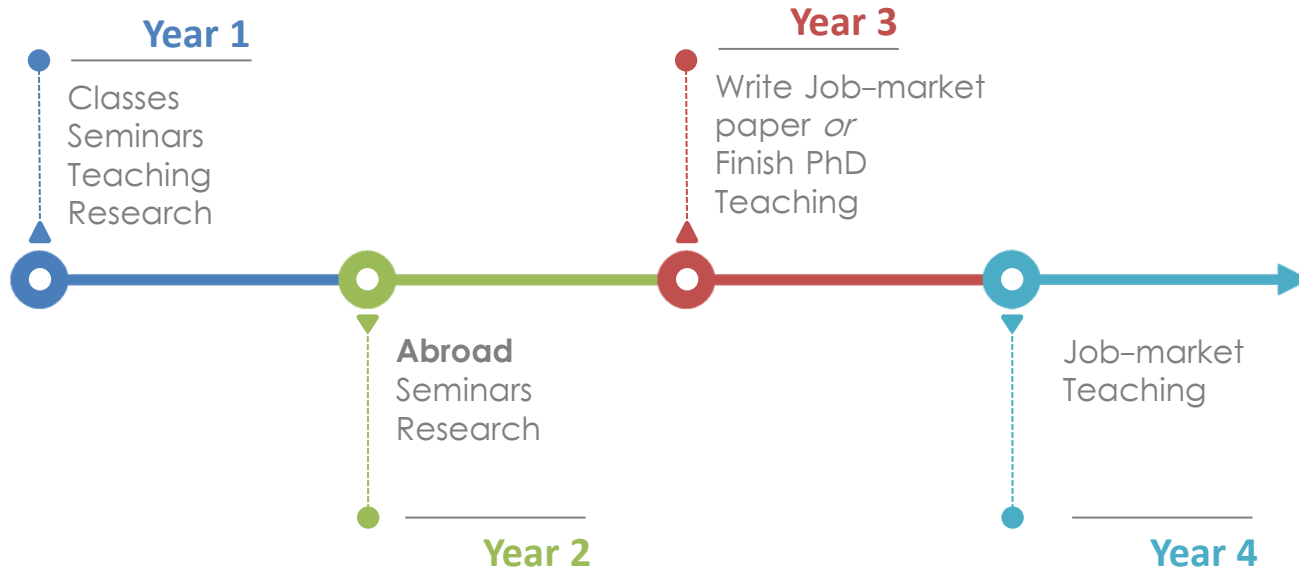
# PhD Timeline



# Daily Life (1<sup>st</sup> year)

1. Classes: 30 ECTS points
2. Teaching:
  - Great practice in presenting
3. Seminars: Meet the stars of the profession
4. Research:
  1. What constitutes good research
  2. What do you want to work on
  3. Learning by doing

# PhD Timeline



# Social Life

- Large group of PhD students:
  - Teamwork
  - Learn from each other
  - Write papers together
- Social life:
  - Sports
  - Food clubs
  - Every-day stuff

# What Have I Learned so Far?

- Up until Masters: *Learn what is already known*
- PhD: *Learn how to do research*
  - Ask interesting research questions
  - Execute research
  - Present results concisely
- Additional knowledge on Economics and Finance

# The Coolest Things (Why Study a PhD in Finance?)

- Learn from smart people
- Freedom to work on what you find interesting
- Doing research is fun!



# Biggest Challenges (When Studying a PhD in Finance)

- Freedom to work on what you find interesting:
  - Nobody tells you what to do
  - You are on your own
- Difficult
- Progress is slow and hard to see

# Is it Something for You?

- I didn't think I wanted to do academia
- Figured out I wanted to do academia while:
  - a) Taking courses in Finance
  - b) Working as an RA
  - c) Writing my thesis

Questions?

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