

PhD grant in international economics - September 2025

University of Rouen-Normandy (URN)

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I have secured a PhD grant at the university of Rouen-Normandy, starting in September (or October) 2025. Here is some information about the grant and information regarding applications. The doctoral school of the University of Rouen-Normandy asks professors to apply for grants, propose a topic, and then find a suitable candidate. This is why this grant is attached to a specific topic, although naturally the candidate will discuss the research topic with me throughout the thesis.

Topic

The topic which was accepted by the University of Rouen has the acronym TEXCHOCS: it aims at analyzing the reaction of outsourcing firms to shocks occurring within their value chain, with a specific focus on the apparel sector. Here is the summary abstract, which is modifiable:

This PhD project aims to analyze how the apparel sector reacts to various exogenous shocks affecting its supply chains. The study focuses on three main types of shocks: the COVID-19 pandemic, political disruptions in key producing countries, and transport cost shocks. Empirical analysis will be conducted on French companies, using detailed data on their imports, exports, and production. The first article will focus on the effects of the pandemic, concentrating on disruptions in China and their transmission to France. The second article will analyze the impact of political shocks, particularly in countries like Bangladesh, on firms reliant on imports. The third article will explore transport costs, particularly related to recent maritime disruptions. This project is embedded within the LERN laboratory, where the PhD candidate will collaborate with researchers working on international trade and supply chain resilience.

Salary

The salary is that of a traditional [PhD grant in all French universities](#): gross monthly salary 2200 euros.

Lab

The Economics lab is the [Laboratoire d'économie de Rouen-Normandy](#) (LERN).

Location

The PhD student may choose to work either in the University lab in the University of Rouen, or in another city, while still participating in the main lab and doctoral school events. If Paris, then the student should secure an office space at PSE or at CES and I will help in the process.

Selection and audition

The audition (June 27, 2025) aims to confirm that the selected student can enroll at the University and start the PhD. The selection of which student will present at the audition will be made in consultation with me in the first three weeks of June.

Once a candidate is selected, I will post updates at Rouen and PSE.

Application

Please send a CV and a cover letter explaining your research objectives to pamina.koenig@univ-rouen.fr by June 15, 2025.

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