PSL PhD program in Finance
Application guidelines 2024

- Application procedure
Based on an application package (to be submitted online on the PSL portal) and interview.
Eligible candidates will be invited for an interview held in English.

- Application package
Only complete applications submitted within the deadlines will be considered by the committee. Applicants should submit the following documents:

- **Academic CV** (In English)
- **Transcripts and diplomas from each higher education institution / university attended** (Bachelor and Master if applicable). One unique pdf for all your documents. You can use pdf-merge website for example.
- **Statement of purpose** (In English, strict 1 page limit)
  The purpose of this document is to explain who you are and what you expect from your postgraduate studies. Give details about your interest in the field and your career goals. You can use this document to clarify anything unusual in your CV or your transcripts.
- **Research statement** (In English, 3 to 8 pages limit)
  In a brief note that follows the outline below, describe a research project on one of the three following themes:
  - "Institutional investors and climate risk"
  - "Can we draw lessons from the failure of the Silicon Valley Bank?"
  - A research topic of your own choice

  This note should show us your ability to: identifying a relevant research question from the literature and to build a research strategy to address that question. *Arial Font, 11, 4000 words or 24000 characters max.*

  1. Literature review (2 pages max.)
  2. Research question presentation (2 pages max.)
     Expose, in this part, the research question that you propose to address, and if relevant, develop the hypotheses to be tested.
  3. Research methodology (2 pages max.)
     This part should briefly explain how you would address your research question (theoretical model, empirical test, data, etc.).
  4. References

- **Proof of English proficiency** (recommended but not compulsory).
  Minimum English level required: B2 on the CEFR scale, recent proof (less than 2 years old) strongly recommended (any proof accepted, proof recommended: a Toefl iBT with a minimum score of 100).
  In addition, a GMAT from less than 2 years ago with a minimum score of 650 will be highly appreciated.
- **References**: contact details (name, position title, email) of at least two academic referees.

More information: https://psl.eu/en/phd-program-finance