

Center for Doctoral Studies in Business

# PhD PROGRAM OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT

Cohort 2026/2027

**Interested in pursuing a Ph.D. in operations management  
at Germany's top-ranked business school?**

<p><b><i>World-class education</i></b></p> <p>Our Ph.D. program trains you to apply theoretical or data-driven analysis to advance knowledge in all areas of operations management. We couple rigorous foundations with a wide spectrum of research methodologies.</p> <p><b><i>Excellent research environment</i></b></p> <p>Located in the heart of Europe, Mannheim provides an optimal environment for young researchers. Our research-active faculty is well connected in the international community and has a powerful network of research-oriented industry partners providing ample opportunities for collaboration.</p> <p><b><i>Outstanding career perspectives</i></b></p> <p>The program produces scholars for demanding careers in academia or knowledge-intensive industries. We are extremely proud of our track record in successfully placing our graduates on the academic and industry job market.</p> <p><b><i>Full funding</i></b></p> <p>The program is <u>free of tuition</u> and admitted students are guaranteed one to five years of financial support via scholarships and teaching assistantships.</p>	<p><b><i>Passion for operations management</i></b></p> <p>Strong interest in predictive and prescriptive analytics in the fields of procurement, supply chain management, production, or service operations management.</p> <p><b><i>Excellent academic records</i></b></p> <p>A master's degree with excellent records in business administration, industrial engineering, economics, computer science, or a related discipline.</p> <p><b><i>Strong quantitative skills</i></b></p> <p>Prior research experience is not required, but a strong quantitative background with focus in data- or model-driven operations research or management.</p> <p><b><i>Ability to work in an international environment</i></b></p> <p>Very good knowledge of English as well as communication and presentation skills.</p> <p><b><i>High motivation and creativity</i></b></p> <p>Candidates need to be willing to invest hard work and stamina to create and disseminate new knowledge in operations management.</p>
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**Then contact us...**

***Directly contact our faculty or current  
Ph.D. students:***



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***Submit your application:***



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Until March-31, 2026 (early application  
deadline January-15, 2026)