

## **HISTORY OF THE SWISS DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN FINANCE**

The Swiss Doctoral Program in Finance is a three- to four-year PhD program featuring a world-class curriculum of advanced courses, regular academic seminars and intensive doctoral mentoring across FINRISK's member institutions at the University of Geneva, Lausanne, Lugano, St. Gallen, Zurich and at ETH Zurich.

The structured nature of the Program makes it comparable with PhD schools offered at the top Anglo-Saxon universities. The current enrolment of more than 100 outstanding doctoral candidates hail from all over the world.

The chronology below charts the development of the Doctoral Program.

- 1997 - First official doctoral program in finance "FAME" offered as a joint initiative of the University of Geneva, the University of Lausanne, and the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva
- 1999 - University of Lugano introduces its own doctoral program in finance
- 2001 - Launch of FINRISK
- 2002 - Establishment of a structured doctoral program in finance at the University of Zurich with substantial support from FINRISK
- 2002 - FINRISK launches the Swiss Doctoral Workshop in Finance, a research forum held annually at Study Center Gerzensee which assembles doctoral students to discuss their research with internationally renowned US academics
- 2006 - Creation of a nationally coordinated Swiss Doctoral Program in Finance anchored by the Swiss Finance Institute

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