

The Franco Amatori EBHA Doctoral Summer School

Rules of its organization

The **Franco Amatori EBHA Doctoral Summer School** is, along with the Annual Congress, the second principal activity of the EBHA. It is made possible thanks to the cooperation between the EBHA and a local host and its main goal is to provide students with an overview of the features of business history and the potentialities that the discipline might hold for their own research projects. It also introduces students to the EBHA and leading researchers in the field and allows them to establish a network among themselves.

The EBHA Doctoral Summer School has been held in the summer of every other year since 1999, thanks to the initiative and continuous engagement of the past president of the EBHA, Prof. Franco Amatori from Bocconi University. During this time span, the School has provided students with a full understanding of the newest trends in research in the field and offered a friendly atmosphere in which to discuss their own preliminary findings with leading scholars as well as among their peers. In this respect, the programme featured lectures and seminars given by faculty, roundtables on “hot topics” such as publishing and the job market, and student presentations of their research projects. Formal and informal feedback gathered over time allowed the EBHA Council to confirm the great effectiveness and success of the School.

EBHA supports the Doctoral Summer School by providing its successful brand, taking over the travel expenses of the teaching scholars, paying for one dinner, and cooperating in the organization of the event through the participation of one representative of the EBHA Council in the programme committee. Local organizers are required to cover the costs of accommodation and food for students and faculty members and, together with EBHA, manage the organization of the event. The EBHA Doctoral Summer School is traditionally organized for 4–5 days and 20 students, but other formats are also considered provided they allow for a minimum number of at least ten students.

The EBHA Council selects the convenor of the Summer School after having discussed and evaluated the proposals received in the open call for expressions of interest according to the criteria of suitability of the concept, the general theme, the scholarly profile, convenience of location and financial viability. The EBHA President institutes a programme and organization committee for the Summer School, including the school director, which consists of two local members and one member of the EBHA Council. A local member is nominated as coordinator of the committee. The committee oversees the general theme, invites teaching faculty, organizes the School and the topics of the lectures, and arranges any other activity.