



Faculty of Economics and Finance

Call for Applications – MEcon (Comparative Local Development)

The Master of Economics in Comparative Local Development is an interdisciplinary programme comprising the application of economics, law, sociology and politics to the analysis of local development. The programme seeks a holistic approach to local development and provides an integrated framework for analysis and intervention. The programme is directed primarily towards existing and future practitioners (from the public, private and civil society sectors), and is thus oriented towards direct application and real world impact.

The MEcon (Comparative Local Development) seeks to develop competencies for the achievement of:

- Higher levels of efficiency and efficacy in public administration, thereby promoting and increasing the capabilities of local governmental bodies in local development;
- Developing synergies among major role players and stakeholders in local development through strategic partnerships;
- Promotion of social cohesion and stability in local constituencies within the contexts of uneven and under-development;
- Increasing intra-regional co-operation for the purposes of promoting economic potentialities;
- Promoting cultural diversity and tolerance, and the management thereof, as a basis for developmental cooperation and cohesion;
- Accelerating regional integration as a medium to long-term goal to enhance the coordination of local and international development programmes.

The next cohort of programme which is offered by the Institute for Economic Research on Innovation (IERI) will commence in February 2019 and run over a minimum of two years. The maximum time allowed to students to complete the MEcon programme and graduate is 3 years.

In order to qualify for the programme, candidates have to comply with the following requirements:

- A postgraduate diploma, or an honours degree, or a bachelor's degree, or an equivalent qualification with majors in Economics, Law, Political Science or Sociology at NQF Level 8. Candidates with a Baccalaureus Technologiae qualification in the relevant discipline at NQF Level 7 will be accepted on condition that they concurrently register the master's degree with NQF Level 8 bridging



- modules namely Advanced Research Methods (30 credits) and Political Economic History of South Africa (30 (credits);
- Be fluent in English and computer literate;
 - Submit a written essay of 2500 words on the subject of comparative local development; and
 - Demonstrate congruence of experience and motives with the nature of the programme.

Selection criteria: Admission is subject to selection.

Closing date for applications: 31st October 2018

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