Ph.D. in Risk Management and Insurance

The Dr. William T. Hold/The National Alliance Program in Risk Management and Insurance in Florida State University’s College of Business is encouraging interested applicants to apply for the Ph.D. program in risk management and insurance. The program is in search of one or two candidates starting during the Fall 2021 semester. The goal of the program is to train students for a career as an academic researcher in the field of risk management and insurance.

The program typically takes four or five years to complete, the first two of which consist of coursework while the final years are spent on research. Coursework includes training in economics, econometrics, and seminars focused on risk management and insurance research. Admitted candidates will have the support of research-active faculty whose research areas include insurer operations, insurance market performance, regulation, catastrophe risk, and accounting. Candidates are required to have a bachelors degree. Either GRE or GMAT scores are acceptable. English proficiency is also required. Tuition waivers and a stipend are available for students fulfilling certain criteria. The dissertation titles of some of our graduates and their current positions are:

“The Role of Asymmetric Information in the U.S. Health Insurance Market”
E. Tice Sirmans, Assistant Professor in Finance, Insurance, and Law, Illinois State University

“The Realignment of Underwriting and Capital Acquisition/Retention through the Management of Life Insurance Claims”
Jill Bisco, Associate Professor of Finance, University of Akron

“The Role of the Private Health Insurance Market: Evidence from the U.S. and Abroad”
J. Bradley Karl, IIANC-NCSLA W. Kurt Fickling Distinguished Associate Professor in Risk Management & Insurance, East Carolina University

“Essays on Decision-Making in the Insurance Industry: An Examination of the Consumer Demand for Life Insurance and Insurer Capital Structure”
Stephen Fier, Liberto-King Associate Professor of Finance, University of Mississippi

More information, as well as links to the online application, is available at the following webpage:

https://business.fsu.edu/phd-rmi

Interested applicants are also encouraged to contact the program coordinator, Dr. Patricia H. Born, by email at pborn@business.fsu.edu with any additional queries.