



LUOHAN ACADEMY DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM 2024-2025

Since its founding in 2018, Luohan Academy has attracted promising young scholars from the world's most prestigious universities and has hosted them in residence to work at the intersection of research and practice and on issues that are closely related to the digital economy.

Dissertation fellows at Luohan Academy will not only gain access to a wealth of valuable data provided by leading technology companies in China such as Alibaba, but also be a part of an engaging community composed of distinguished social scientists, including seven Nobel Laureates in Economics, technology experts, policy researchers, and digital economy practitioners.

Applications are now open for the 2024-2025 Luohan Academy Dissertation Fellowship Program and will be reviewed **on a rolling basis**. PhD students interested in studying the digital economy, especially those majoring in economics, finance, or related interdisciplinary fields, are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applicants are required to submit a research proposal, and to maximize the synergy between research and practice, it is highly encouraged that the proposal aligns with the interests and business relevance of Alibaba Group. All applications will undergo a rigorous selection process, but only shortlisted candidates will be invited for interviews. Successful applicants are expected to visit Luohan Academy in Hangzhou, China, 1-2 times during the program, with each visit having a minimum duration of 2 months.

For any inquiries, please contact us at Talents_LHA@luohanacademy.com. We look forward to receiving your application!



ABOUT US

Founded in June 2018, Luohan Academy is an open research institute initiated by Alibaba Group and launched by world-renowned social scientists, including seven Nobel Laureates in Economics. The Academy has developed a world-leading digital economy research community, dedicated to exploring and shaping discourse and consensus around the profound social and economic transformations brought by digital technology.

At Luohan Academy, we believe that society is not fully prepared for the immense changes brought by digital technology. Social scientists, technology experts and practitioners must collaborate closely to help society understand and adapt to these transformations.

LUOHAN ACADEMY DISSERTATION FELLOWS

Selected Research Topics

- Lifting Growth Barriers for New Firms: Evidence from an Entrepreneur Training Experiment with 2 million Online Businesses
- Information Acquisition and the Return to Data: Evidence from Firms on an E-commerce Platform



Zhengyun (Patricia) Sun

Ph.D. in Economics
Harvard University

Placement
Sr. Applied Scientist, Uber

- Cashless Payment and Financial Inclusion
- The Data Privacy Paradox and Digital Demand



Shumiao Ouyang

Ph.D. in Economics
Princeton University

Placement
Associate Professor, Oxford University

- To Follow the Crowd? Benefits and Costs of Migrant Networks



Yulu Tang

Ph.D. in Economics
Harvard University

Placement:
Assistant Professor, LSE

- Regulating the Influencer Market
- Streaming Customers in Livestream Selling – Identifying Lifts from Sales Pitch
- How Working From Home Works Out?



Ruobin Han

Ph.D. in Economics
Stanford University

Placement:
Assistant Professor, CUHK (Shenzhen)

HOW TO APPLY

Documents	<p>Application materials, including a CV, a research proposal (max. 3000 words) and 1-2 writing samples, should be sent in the following format:</p> <p>【Surname】_【Given name】_【Affiliation】_【DFP2024-25】 to Talents_LHA@luohanacademy.com.</p> <p><i>Note: As part of the supporting documents, applicants are encouraged, but NOT required, to include reference letters.</i></p>
Deadline	Accepting application on a rolling basis.
Process	After a thorough review, shortlisted applicants will be contacted for an interview.
Program duration	The duration of the program is primarily determined by research progress and outcomes, with periodic reviews, and typically lasts at least 1 year.
Onsite duration	Dissertation fellows are expected to visit Luohan Academy in Hangzhou 1-2 times during the program, with each visit having a minimum duration of 2 months.
Research support	<p>Access to a wealth of data provided by leading technology companies in China, such as Alibaba Group.</p> <p>Interaction with in-house research teams and an engaging research community established by Luohan Academy.</p>
Financial support	Successful applicants will be provided with a merit-based stipend that covers international flights and local living expenses during their visits.
Questions?	Please contact us at Talents_LHA@luohanacademy.com