



World Trade Institute
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PhD in International Economic Law

Opening for a PhD candidate at the World Trade Institute

Under the supervision of Prof. Isabelle Van Damme, Director of Studies at the World Trade Institute (WTI), University of Bern, the successful PhD candidate will be funded for a four-year period.

The World Trade Institute (WTI) is a leading academic institution dedicated to studies, teaching and research in international trade and investment regulation, economic globalisation and sustainability. As a centre of excellence at the University of Bern with an international, interdisciplinary focus, we explore the interconnections between the fields of law, economics, and political science.

Requirements to apply

- Specialised Master's degree in international law/international economic law/EU law
- a detailed CV
- a letter of motivation
- BA and MA diplomas and transcripts
- a letter from the University from which you obtained your Master's degree (within the last 10 years), confirming that you fulfil the requirements for admission to its Doctoral Programme
- evidence of English proficiency for non-native speakers
- two letters of recommendation
- research proposal (Word limit: 1250 words (excl. footnotes) focusing on one of the following topics:
 - Sanctions
 - Trade and climate change
 - Trade and AI
 - The sources of international trade law

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To apply, please send the documents required to: phd.applications@wti.org

Note: only short-listed candidates will be contacted. Short-listed candidates might be invited for an interview.

Applications will be accepted until August 15, 2024.

The position is based at the World Trade Institute, University of Bern, Switzerland

Starting date January 1st, 2025, or upon agreement with Prof. Isabelle Van Damme.

