## **Interdisciplinary Doctoral School**



#### ADMISSION TO DOCTORAL STUDIES

**Session September 2024** 

Field of doctoral studies: FINANCE

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### TOPICS FOR THE ADMISSION TO DOCTORAL STUDIES

# TOPIC 1: Using Machine Learning (ML) to optimize the investment decisions regarding publicly listed companies

## Contents / Main aspects to be considered

- 1. The specific of ML for the financial field
- 2. Using ML to perform the fundamental analysis of publicly listed companies
- 3. Using ML to perform the technical analysis of publicly listed companies
- 4. Integrating the results of the fundamental and technical analyses to set the investment decisions

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## **TOPIC 2:** Using Mathematical Models to Improve Financial Decisions for Small and Medium Enterprises

Contents / Main aspects to be considered

- 1. Theoretical underpinnings of mathematical modeling in finance and how SME's might use it
- 2. Testing and Using mathematical models for improving SME's resilience and financial performance.

3. Using mathematical modeling approaches to analyze financial data and spot trends that are important to SME's

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- 5. Rane, N., Choudhary, S., & Rane, J. (2024). Artificial Intelligence-Driven Corporate Finance: Enhancing Efficiency and Decision-Making Through Machine Learning, Natural Language Processing, and Robotic Process Automation in Corporate Governance and Sustainability. *Social Science Research Network*.
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- 7. Surya, B., Menne, F., Sabhan, H., Suriani, S., Abubakar, H., & Idris, M. (2021). Economic Growth, Increasing Productivity of SMEs, and Open Innovation. *Journal of Open Innovation: Technology, Market, and Complexity, 7*(1), 20. MDPI.
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