

## Call for Applications

### 2027 Summer School on Experimental Research in Management Accounting

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#### AIMS AND SCOPE

The purpose of this program is to extend doctoral students' and early-career post-doctoral researchers' competencies in the field of experimental research in management accounting. The Summer School consists of two elements:

- Introductory class for participants with no prior knowledge in experimental research (11 May 2027, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.) via Zoom
- Workshop for all participants (for more information visit [www.exrima.org](http://www.exrima.org))

#### FACULTY

The workshop will be taught by Prof. Ivo Tafkov, who is the KPMG / E. Harold Stokes Professor of Accounting at Georgia State University. His work has been published in leading accounting journals such as *The Accounting Review*, *Contemporary Accounting Research*, and *Accounting, Organizations and Society*. He is an expert in experimental research in management accounting.

Speakers in previous workshops were Prof. Kristy Towry (Emory University), Prof. Victor Maas (University of Amsterdam), Prof. Lynn Hannan (Tulane University), Prof. Ivo Tafkov (Georgia State University), Prof. Marcel van Rinsum (Erasmus University Rotterdam), Prof. Gary Hecht (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), Prof. Michael Williamson (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), Prof. Eddy Cardinaels (Tilburg University), Prof. Jongwoon (Willie) Choi (University of Wisconsin-Madison), and Prof. Laura Wang (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign).

The Summer School is hosted jointly by Prof. Thorsten Knauer (Ruhr-University Bochum), Prof. Friedrich Sommer (FAU, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg), and Prof. Arnt Wöhrmann (Giessen University). One of the organizers teaches the introductory class.

#### COURSE DESCRIPTION

During the *introductory class*, participants learn the fundamentals of conducting experimental research in management accounting. Among other things, the method is presented, the pros and cons of experimental research are discussed, the validity framework is introduced, and general design choices are explained.

The *workshop* encompasses both published work and working papers on recent topics in experimental management accounting research. The highly interactive course provides a deep insight into the role of theory in experimental research in management accounting and guidelines on how to test the theory. Further, it offers participants the opportunity to present own work in progress (e.g., proposals) to obtain early feedback from fellow students and experienced faculty. The workshop environment offers several opportunities to network with both other participants and the faculty.

#### COURSE REQUIREMENTS

No prior knowledge of experimental research is required; however, participants without prior knowledge in experimental research are encouraged to attend the introductory class (taught via Zoom) before the workshop. All other participants only attend the workshop. Participants are required to read selected papers thoroughly in preparation for the course and are assigned the role of discussion leaders for some papers. Thus, participants need to prepare for active involvement in class. The course language is English.

### VENUE

The 2027 EXRIMA Summer School will be held at the Ruhr-University Bochum, Universitätsstraße 150, 44801 Bochum, Germany. Bochum is located in the heart of the Ruhr area and can be reached from Düsseldorf Airport (45 km) or Frankfurt Airport (230 km) by car or train.

### PARTICIPATION FEE

The participation fee for the summer school including lunch and coffee breaks throughout the week is 500 €. Other costs (e.g., travel costs and accommodation) must be borne by the participants.

### PRACTICALITIES

The application deadline is 15 March 2027. Early applications are encouraged. Applications should be submitted via e-mail to [organizers@exrima.org](mailto:organizers@exrima.org). A complete application includes a short CV (one to two pages, 11 pt Times New Roman) and a letter of motivation (maximum two pages, 11 pt Times New Roman). Participants who also want to present a research proposal (research idea, pre-test results, etc.) should submit the proposal in the application (max. 3 pages, 11 pt Times New Roman). Since the number of participants and time slots for presentations is limited, applicants will be informed about acceptance by 15 April 2027. For all other information (accommodation, travel, etc.) please visit [www.exrima.org](http://www.exrima.org).