

# Press release

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## German Council of Science and Humanities recommends right to grant PhDs independently for ESMT Berlin

The [German Council of Science and Humanities](#) (Wissenschaftsrat) has renewed its accreditation of ESMT Berlin to grant PhDs and recommended that it be allowed to do so independently in the future. In the consistently positive report on the reaccreditation (compact procedure regarding doctorates), the council writes that ESMT “completely fulfills the requirements of an institution with a university status that is authorized to award doctorate degrees.” The internationally recognized top research achievements, the good institutional framework for research, as well as personnel play a decisive part in this success.

In the report, the Wissenschaftsrat emphasizes the business school's international orientation, its pronounced awareness of quality assurance, and the significant increase in the number of students, which proves its success on the market. It also highlights the positive financial situation of ESMT at present and in the future. ESMT has recorded a positive net income every year since 2010. In addition, the council recognizes the global reputation of ESMT, especially highlighting executive education. In the *Financial Times* Executive Education Ranking, ESMT consistently ranks among the global leaders.

ESMT President [Jörg Rocholl](#) says, “We are pleased with the positive assessment of the Wissenschaftsrat. With its recommendation for independent doctoral rights, the report testifies to the successful development of ESMT.”

As a private academically oriented business school with university status, ESMT has had the right to award doctorates since 2013. It will continue to participate in the doctoral program Berlin Doctoral Program in Economics and Management Science (BDPEMS). BDPEMS is a joint initiative of international scholars of [Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin](#), [Freie Universität Berlin](#), [Technische Universität Berlin](#), [WZB Berlin Social Research Center](#), and ESMT.

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### About ESMT Berlin

ESMT Berlin was founded by 25 leading global companies and institutions. The international business school offers a full-time MBA, an executive MBA, a master's in management, as well as open enrollment and customized executive education programs. ESMT focuses on three main topics: leadership, innovation, and analytics. ESMT faculty publishes in top academic journals. Additionally, the business school provides an interdisciplinary platform for discourse between politics, business, and academia. The business school is based in Berlin, Germany, and has a branch office in Shanghai, China. ESMT is a private business school with the right to grant PhDs and is accredited by the German state, AACSB, AMBA, EQUIS, and FIBAA. [www.esmt.org](http://www.esmt.org)