

What We Can (and Can Not) Do For You

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9 PhD programs (CZ/EN)

- Area Studies
- Digital Social Science (EN only)
- Economics and Finance
- International Relations
- Media and Communication Studies
- Modern History
- Political Science
- Public and Social Policy
- Sociology



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- 2024: CZ 247, EN 115 students
- trends: CZ slowly up, EN rapidly up
- 2024 admissions: CZ 25, EN 24
- 2025 admissions: CZ 28, EN 33

- Even CZ programs converge to being operated (almost) fully in English; seminars in English, all instruction materials and emails in English, and publications in English.



Highlights

Academic/Research Placements Outside of CZ (Last 3 Years)

- Nino Buliskeria, Assistant Professor of Economics, **Nazarbayev University**
- Ali Elminejad, Assistant Professor of Economics, **Nazarbayev University**
- José Hildo de Oliveira Filho, Postdoctoral Researcher, The Brazilian Center of Analysis and Planning (CEBRAP) & External Lecturer, **University of Cologne**
- Martina Kerlová, Professor of Instruction, Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, **Northwestern University**
- Matej Nevrla, Lecturer/Assistant Professor of Finance, **University of Liverpool Management School**
- Kristína Országhová, Research Assistant and External Lecturer, **Central European University**
- Ondřej Rosendorf, Research Fellow, Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy, **University of Hamburg**
- Jakub Střelec, Research Associate/Postdoc at Charité's Institute of Medical History (a joint institute of **HU Berlin and FU Berlin**)



Who is Who

- **9 Program Directors:** responsible for all the content and all operations
- **5 Directors of Institutes:** responsible for all financial decisions and institute-level policies (TAs, research bonuses etc.), coordination with Program Directors
- **5 Centers of Doctoral Studies:** conduct research and administrative tasks, especially internal/informal (within Institutes, especially communication with students); collaborate with the administration of the Institutes
- **Administration at FSV:** core administrative tasks, especially formal tasks, and all legally binding decisions
- **Vice-Dean:** regulations, monitoring, signs all legally binding decisions on behalf of Dean, communication with Program Directors, Institutes and Charles University



Delegation

- Programs (and Institutes) are largely **self-governed**.
- Each Institute is expected to set the optimal structure of tasks for the incoming PhD students (integration into existing research structures: UNCE Fellowships, teaching seminars, administrative tasks in CDSs etc.)
- Financial responsibility for all key program aspects is fully given to Directors of Institutes, and it is assumed that Program Directors and Directors of Institute set jointly the optimal strategy.



Stipends

- (For full-time students) Don't forget to **submit a request!**
 - You will receive an email explaining how to submit the request through SIS.
 - Don't worry if you provide incomplete information about extra wage from participating institutions (typically, Academy of Sciences); administration is collected the information from the participating institutions.
- Follow instructions on the webpages of the programs.
- Example (Economics and Finance)
 - Main info: <https://ies.fsv.cuni.cz/en/study/phd-economics-and-finance>
 - Details: Handbook, Section 4.1, <https://ies.fsv.cuni.cz/en/study/phd-economics-and-finance/handbook>

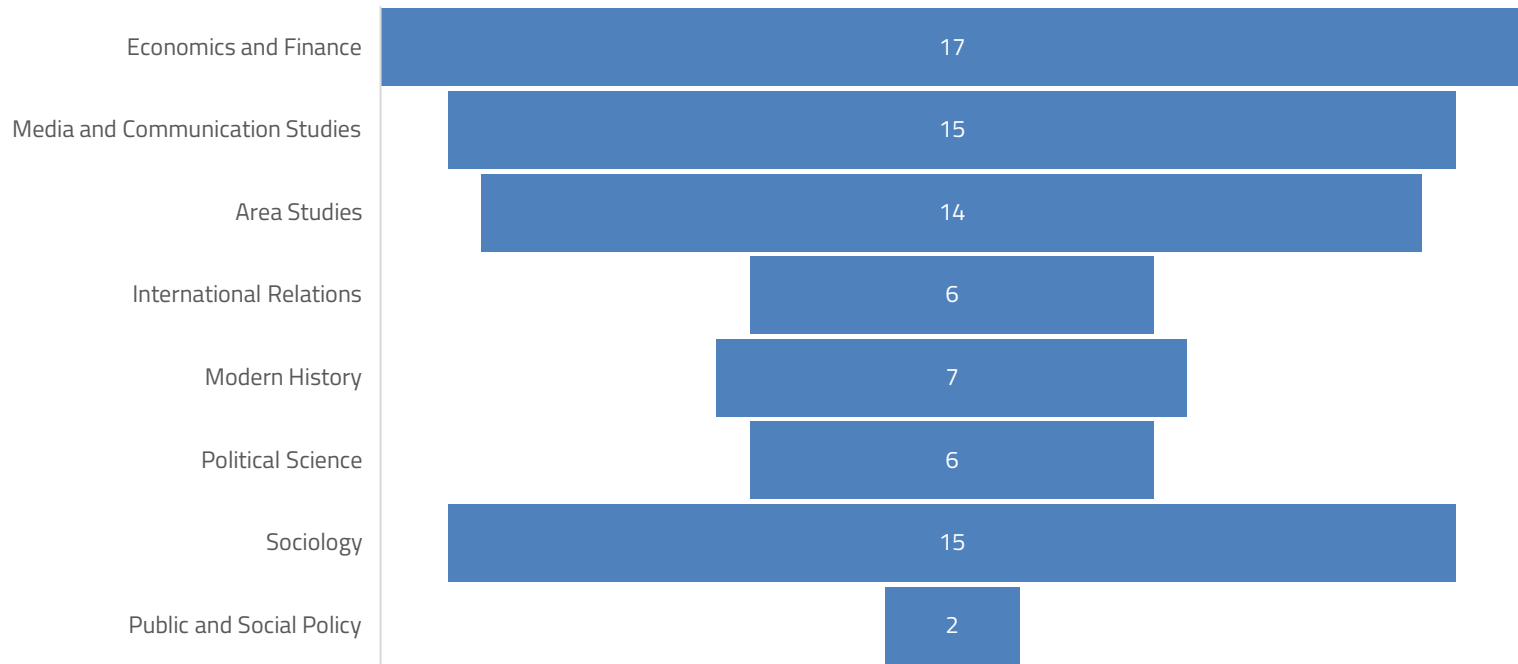


Our service: Surveys

- Courses/Seminars
 - every term, including the opportunity to provide feedback (scale 1-5)
 - Last year: overall grade **4.35-4.76**
- Annual Survey
 - in late August/early September
 - motivations, career outlook, estimated success probability
 - feedback on the most enjoyable and most challenging points
 - feedback on the level of difficulty, the amount of work and time pressure
 - communication frequency: advisor, other faculty, students
 - feedback on advice (dissertation research, overall progress, resources)
 - results to be presented in the afternoon
- Please **do** participate! The surveys are key feedback for all stakeholders.

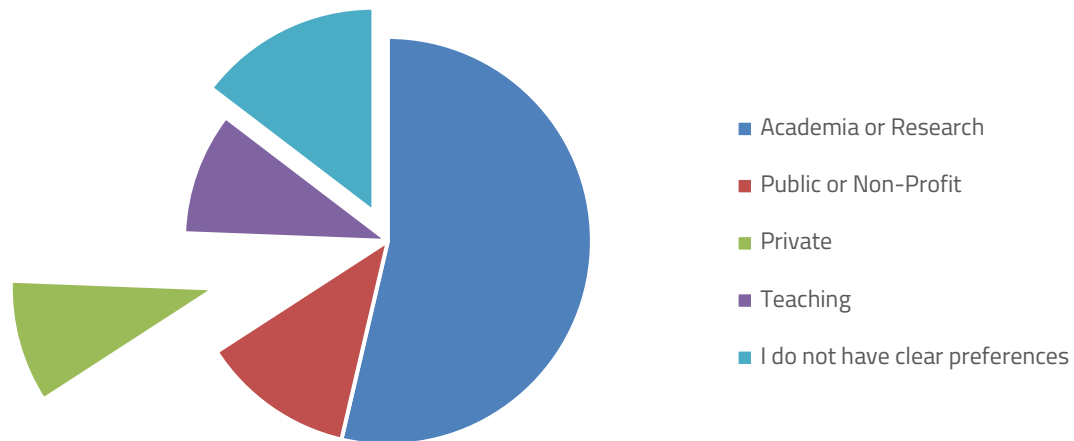


82 responses (77 full-time)



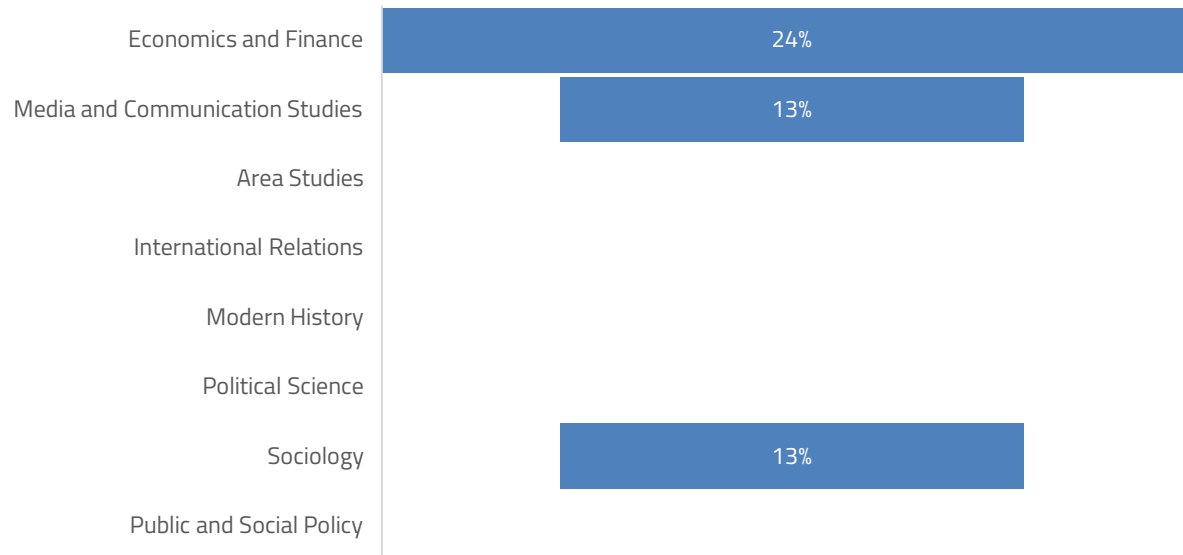
Motivation

- Which career path is your preferred career path?



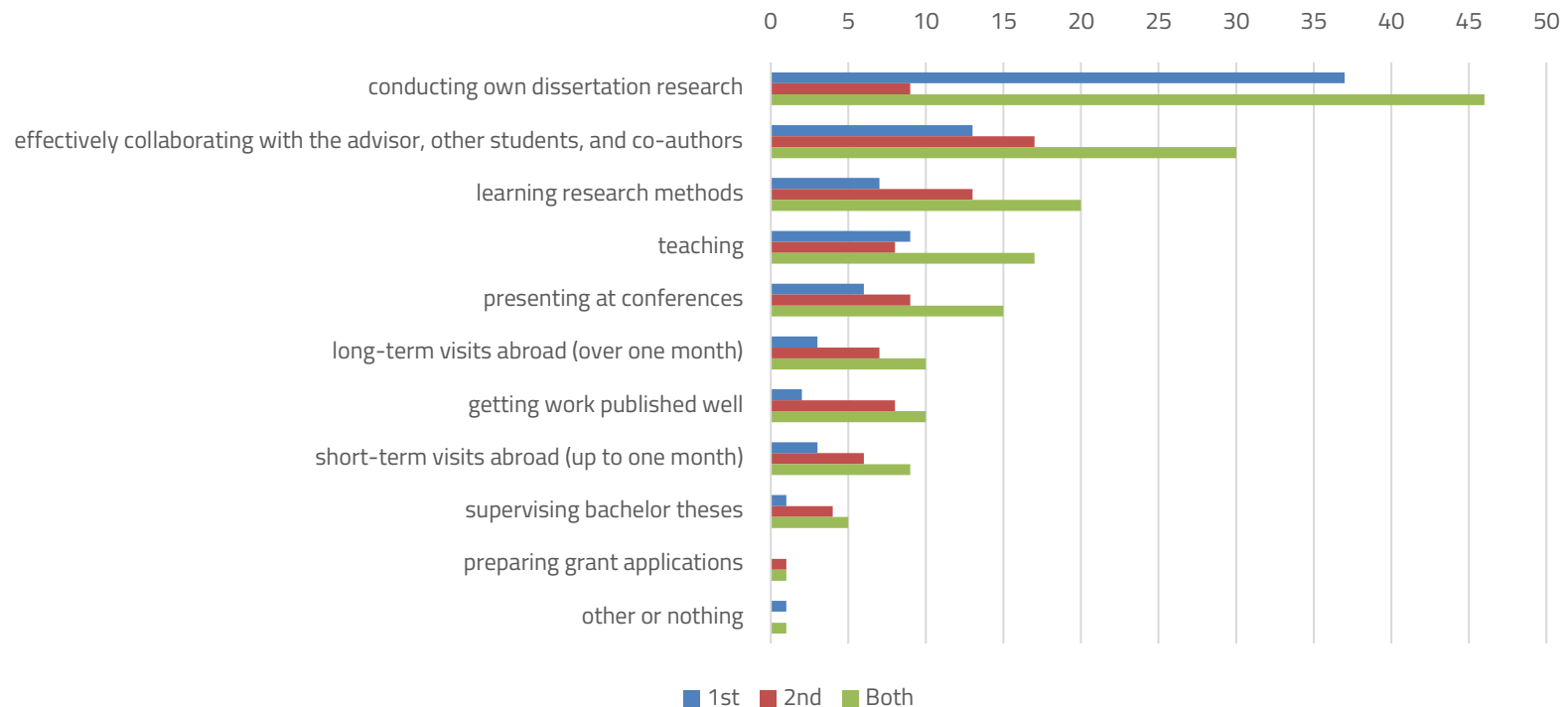
Motivation

- Private sector as a preferred career path:



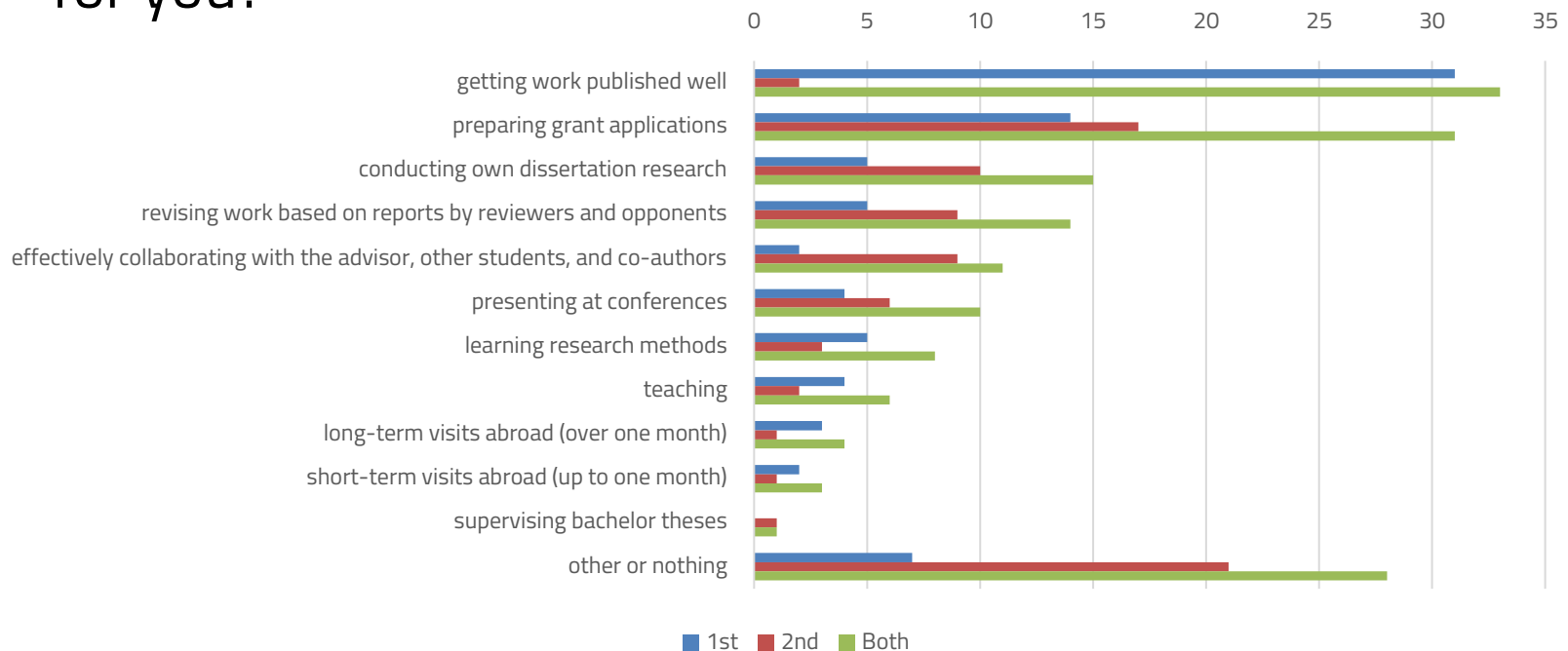
Feedback

- Which of the following activities are enjoyable for you?



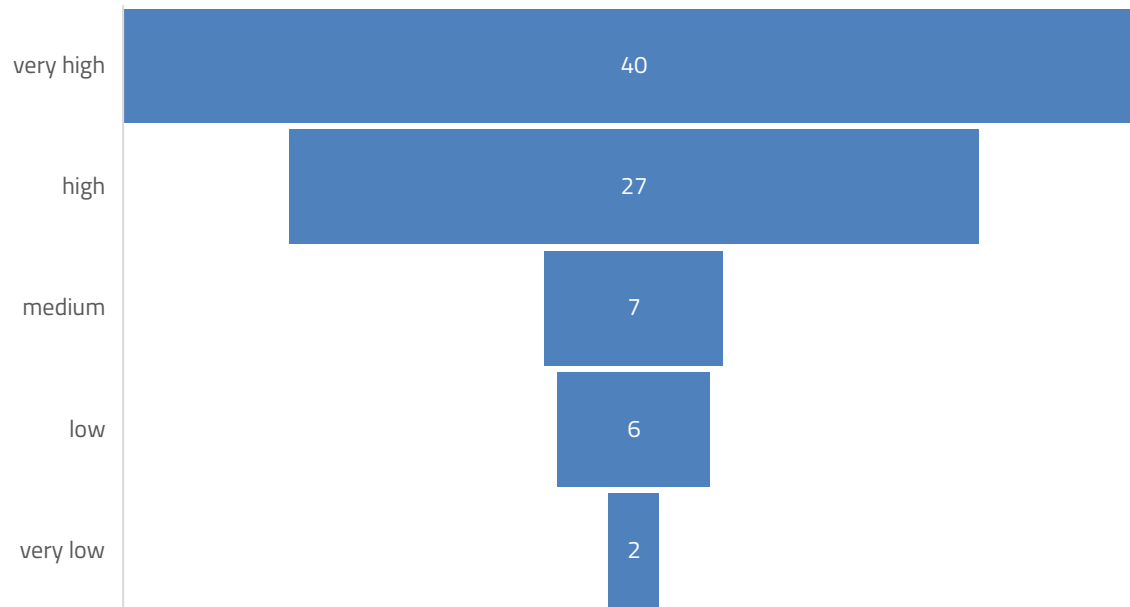
Feedback

- Which of the following activities are the most challenging for you?



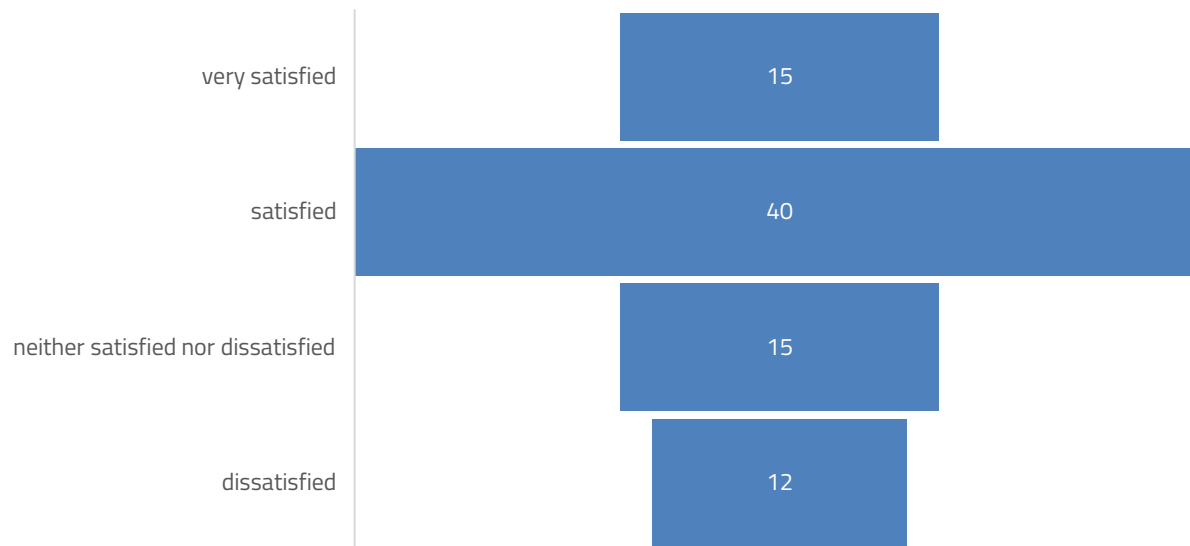
Satisfaction

- The overall satisfaction with your supervisor is...



Satisfaction

- Satisfaction with your PhD. studies until now:



Our service

Basic Information

- <https://fsv.cuni.cz/studium/typy-studia/doktorske-studium> (CZ)
- <https://fsv.cuni.cz/en/study/phd-students> (EN)
- We will be distributing all important information and news via emails.
- Please **read** your email!



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- Doctoral Studies Homepage: phd.cuni.cz
 - Newsletter
 - PhD Mondays (Hybernská 4)
 - Doctoral Café: doctoralcafe.cuni.cz
 - Events (Career talks), Social Activities
- Doctoral Study Hub: phd.cuni.cz/PHDEN-41.html
 - Data Management Training
 - Survival Czech: Language Course for Beginners
 - Project Management
 - Data Visualisation, Introduction to Statistics



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Conclusions

Thank you for your attention.



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