PhD in Accounting



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Olin Business School's Accounting program focuses on infusing students with a broad base of knowledge and the necessary research skills to enjoy robust careers as university educators and researchers. This rigorous training is crucial to entering the highly competitive field as an accounting faculty member at a top research university.

In this program, you'll study issues in two areas: the role of financial information in facilitating the operations of capital markets, and assistance for managers planning and controlling the way institutions operate.

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Collaborative Research—Accounting Faculty and PhD Students

Working Papers:

- Barrios, J., Kaplan, Z. and Lin, Y.V.* Regulatory Intensity and Corporate Disclosures.
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- Bertomeu, J. and Sall, I.* More transparency, less ESG: A tale of product market competition.
- Bertomeu, J., Xiumin, M. and Sall, I.* Measuring Defi Risk.
- Cho, C.*, Frankel, R. and Martin, X. Information Reliability and Market Outcomes.
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- Frankel, R., Martin, X., Yu, M. and Wang, I.* ESG Disclosures in Mutual Fund Prospectuses.
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- Jiang, F., Lee, J.*, Martin, X. and Zhou, G. (2019). Manager Sentiment and Stock Returns. Journal of Financial Economics, 132 (1), 126-149.

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