



### **Program Activities and Structure**

The program duration is 12 months and consists of three (3) parts. All the program activities are online.

During the **1st part**, the candidate will have online meetings with the research group selected by the organizer. Meetings with the research adviser(s) will also be held online. During this part, a short course on good research practices and academic writing will be organized, where researchers will share their knowledge and discuss the recent developments in the area of academic publishing. The candidate will also attend the ESI masterclasses delivered by the ESI network of experts.

- Creating the research working group and 2 meetings
- Meeting with the research advisor (at least 2)
- Attending the ESI Masterclasses
- Attending the academic writing course
- Presenting the draft paper (at a conference or to the research advisor)

During the **2nd part**, the candidate will work on data mining through surveys or/and interviews in order to provide a dataset for the research. The candidate may also become part of the organizing committees of the ESI academic conference or forum.

- Data-mining for the working paper
- Attending the ESI masterclasses
- Meeting with the working group
- Meeting with the research advisor
- Presenting the working paper at the ESI conference
- Participating in the Organizing Committee of one of the ESI Annual Conferences (not mandatory)



In the **3rd part**, the candidate is involved in writing the working paper with the research advisor and the joint paper with the working group. The process is followed by discussion in the research group, the program group of experts, and guidance by the research adviser(s). During the last part of the program, the candidate presents the final version of the paper at the online or in-person conference(s) and submits the paper for publication to the selected journal(s). The candidate can decide where to submit the paper for publication.

- Meeting with the research advisor (2 at least)
- Meeting with the working group
- Attending ESI Masterclasses
- Presenting the working paper at the ESI conference
- Final version of the paper(s)