

Note for potential applicants to SIPA (master's or PhD) or Econ PhD program
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I often receive emails from students who are interested in applying or have already applied to a master's program in SIPA, the sustainable development PhD in SIPA, or the Economics PhD program. I receive too many such emails, in fact, to be able to respond individually to all of them. Since my advice is almost always the same, I am posting this note online, to eliminate the need for individual emails.

The advice I almost always give in such cases is: (1) go ahead and apply; (2) see if you get in; (3) if you get in, come visit. If you are at stage (3), then you can either just show up at my office hours or set up an appointment by email.

If you have questions about how best to prepare yourself for one of the above programs, you should talk to your teachers at your home institutions. My main general piece of advice for applicants to either of the PhD programs is to take a lot of math courses, up to Real Analysis at least, and as many advanced statistics/econometrics courses as possible.

You should also know that sending me emails has zero effect on your chances of acceptance into any of the above programs.

Good luck.