CALL FOR APPLICATIONS AND PARTICIPANT SELECTION

# Research Methods in Health Economics 2026

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| **Lecturer** | Assoc. Prof. Vo Tat Thang (HAPRI Director) | | |
| **Tuition** | Free | **Class size** | About 15 participants |
| **Format** | In person | **Venue** | 279 Nguyen Tri Phuong, Dien Hong Ward, Ho Chi Minh City |
| **Application deadline** | End of 4 November 2026 | **Results** | 5 November 2026 |

## 1. Introduction

To mark the 50th anniversary of the founding of UEH, the Health and Agricultural Policy Research Institute (HAPRI) will offer a research methods course for the student community and for those who intend to do research.

The course is designed for people interested in research in health economics, health policy, health management, public health and related fields, especially those who wish to develop an empirical, data-based study.

No tuition fee is charged to selected participants. As places are limited, selection will be based on fit, academic background, motivation for taking part, research experience and the ability to commit to carrying out a study throughout the course.

## 2. Main course content

The course focuses on forming and developing a health economics study, from the research question through data analysis to the presentation of results. The content is organised to be research-based and data-intensive, combining short lectures, research discussions, hands-on data practice and the development of a research project.

- Turning a health or health policy problem into a testable research question.
- Building a theoretical framework, economic mechanisms and research hypotheses.
- Identifying the outcome, the exposure or treatment and the estimand, and the basic issues of causal inference.

- Exploring, managing and making use of health data sources.
- Carrying out descriptive analysis and the regression models commonly used in health economics research.
- Approaching the issues specific to analysing health care utilisation and health expenditure.
- Becoming familiar with the basic principles of empirical research design and impact evaluation.
- Practising data analysis in Stata, organising do-files and building a reproducible research workflow.
- Interpreting scientific results, distinguishing correlation from causation, and developing a complete research product.

## 3. Who may apply and order of selection priority

Applications are considered competitively, in the following order of priority:

1. UEH students.
2. People studying, working or doing research in health, economics, public policy, management, public health or related fields.
3. People with a basic grounding in economics, statistics, econometrics or research methods.
4. People with a clear research direction who can devote enough time to carrying out a research project throughout the course.
5. People who show serious motivation for taking part and the ability to keep developing their research after the course ends.

Research experience is a reference criterion but not a mandatory requirement.

## 4. How to apply

**Apply through the registration form**

Applicants should complete all the information requested in the registration form at the link provided with this announcement:

**https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/9tFZQLg77s**

The form closes at 23:59 (Vietnam time) on 4 November 2026. Details of the information required and the structure of the form are given separately.

After the selection announcement, applicants will need to provide photos of both sides of their citizen identity card (CCCD) for the verification step before formally joining the course.

## 5. Commitments of selected participants

1. Take part fully in the main activities of the course.
2. Complete the required readings, exercises and data practice.
3. Develop and carry out a study throughout the course.
4. Report progress regularly, take on feedback and revise the study during the course.
5. Complete the final research product as required by the lecturer.

The aim of the course is not only to learn individual Stata techniques but, more importantly, to build the ability to ask good research questions, choose an appropriate research design, work with data and interpret results scientifically.

## 6. Selection criteria and process

Applying does not mean automatic admission to the class. Applications will be reviewed to select about 15 participants best suited to the aims of the course, on the following criteria:

1. Fit with the priority groups, the first priority being UEH students.
2. Motivation for taking part and the clarity of the research direction.
3. Relevant academic background.
4. Prior research experience, if any.
5. The ability to commit the time and complete the research project throughout the course.

## 7. Dates and venue

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| **Application deadline** | End of 4 November 2026 |
| **Selection announcement** | 5 November 2026 |
| **Classes begin** | 14 November 2026, in the mornings, for six weeks |
| **Format** | In person |
| **Venue** | 279 Nguyen Tri Phuong, Dien Hong Ward, Ho Chi Minh City |

## 8. Confidentiality of information

Personal information provided in the application and in the verification step after selection is used only for selecting, verifying and managing the course's participants, and is managed so as to keep it confidential.

## Relevant links

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| **Announcement (English)** | hapri.ueh.edu.vn/post/call-for-applications-research-methods-in-health-economics-2026 |
| **Announcement (Vietnamese)** | hapri.ueh.edu.vn/vi/post/thong-bao-tuyen-sinh-khoa-hoc-phuong-phap-nghien-cuu-kinh-te-suc-khoe-2026 |
| **Registration form** | forms.cloud.microsoft/r/9tFZQLg77s |
| **Course page** | hapri.ueh.edu.vn/event-details/research-methods-in-health-economics-2026 |
| **HAPRI courses** | hapri.ueh.edu.vn/courses |