PROCEDURES FOR APPLICATION TO ENROLL FOR A MASTERS OR DOCTORAL DEGREE IN THE SCHOOL OF COMPUTING

Note that the School of Computing (SoC) only offers a Masters with full dissertation or Doctoral with full thesis research degree. SoC does not offer coursework Masters and Doctoral degrees.

Step 1. **Comply with Unisa admission requirements as set out on the Unisa website: as**: An appropriate degree in **Computing, Computer Science or Information systems** or equivalent with an **average of 60%.** Applicants must first contact the relevant academic department and the potential supervisor. Acceptance is based on viability of the intended research and available supervisory capacity. Competitive positions are filled on the basis of an approved selection procedure aligned with Unisa's policies on equality and diversity. Applicants need to demonstrate adequate mastery of **academic English**. **Adequate exposure to appropriate research methods and methodologies in previous qualifications is required.**

Step 2. **Identify a research area**:
- Identify the degree you want to apply for: https://www.unisa.ac.za/sites/corporate/default/Apply-for-admission/Master%27s-&-doctoral-degrees/Qualifications/All-qualifications
- Identify a research area in the document on this webpage where you can "***View the list of available supervisors***" at http://osprey.unisa.ac.za/supervisors.php . The research areas and names of supervisors with their email addresses are included in this document.

Step 3. **Contact the suitable supervisor**:
It will be advisable to include the following information in your email:
Subject line in email: Request supervision for 2020 - *Student name*
a. Student name;
b. Research Focus area;
c. Degree you want to apply for;
d. CV;
e. Academic record;
f. Proof of research/ research methodology;
h. Please provide a research outline containing:

- Title
- Summary of topic
- Short literature review

- Expected contribution of the study
- Methodology to be followed
- Availability of the data
- List of references
- Reasons why you are interested in the topic

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Step 4. **Confirmation of supervision:**
If a supervisor accepts you as a student, please forward the confirmation email to dkocke@unisa.ac.za

Step 5. **Online application and registration:**
After you have been accepted by a supervisor you may apply online (in the application period as indicated on the web) on the Unisa website https://www.unisa.ac.za/sites/corporate/default/Apply-for-admission/Apply-for-admission-to-study:-application-tool .
If you encounter any problems with **application** and **registration** you may contact mandd@unisa.ac.za for assistance.

Step 6. Please note:
Admission to Masters and Doctoral studies in the School of Computing depends on the adequate supervisory capacity and research expertise provided by the school. If your first attempt is not successful, you may go back and repeat the process (from **Step 2**)

You will be informed by the M&D Registration department if your application was successful or not. If your application was successful, you may **register** in January – March 2020. Your registration will only be completed when your fees have been fully paid. Please contact your supervisor as soon as your registration is finalized.