

# The Swedish Research School of Management and IT

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## Annual Report for the Academic Year 2020/2021

### Background

*The Swedish Research School of Management and IT (MIT)* is a national research school launched by the Swedish Government in the year 2000 with Uppsala University as host institution. Today, MIT is a networked research school comprising management and IT related departments at twelve Swedish tertiary institutions: Blekinge Institute of Technology, Gothenburg University, Jönköping International Business School, Karlstad University, Linköping University, Linnaeus University, Lund University, Mälardalen University College, Stockholm University, Umeå University, Uppsala University and Örebro University. Further details, including previous annual reports, can be found on the MIT website ([www.mit.uu.se](http://www.mit.uu.se)).

### Theses Presented During the Academic Year

Ten doctoral theses were presented during the academic year, bringing the number of research school graduates to 129 doctors and 53 licentiates.

#### *Doctoral Theses*

120. **Nyende, Hawa (2020)**, *Maternal Healthcare in Low Resource Settings: Investigations of IT as a resource*, Department of Applied Information Technology, University of Gothenburg, Doctoral Thesis.
121. **Kizito, Michael (2020)**, *Enacting ambidextrous IT Governance in healthcare*, Department of Applied Information Technology, University of Gothenburg, Doctoral Thesis.
122. **Ofe, Hosea Ayaba (2020)**, *Orchestrating Emerging Digital Ecosystems: Investigating the Establishment of an Open Data Platform in the Swedish Public Transport Industry.*, Department of Informatics, Umeå University, Doctoral Thesis.
123. **Kurti, Erdelina (2020)**, *Institutional Tensions and Complexity in the Digital Innovation of Incumbent Business Models*, Linnaeus University, Doctoral Thesis.
124. **Gustavsson, Tomas (2020)**, *Inter-team Coordination in Large-Scale Agile Software Development Projects*, Karlstad University, Doctoral Thesis.
125. **Hedré, Andreas (2021)**, *With Lives on the Line: How Users Respond to a Highly Mandated Information System Implementation – A Longitudinal Study*, Department of Informatics and Media, Uppsala University, Doctoral Thesis.
126. **Nykvist, Rasmus (2021)**, *Essays on the Interaction Between Regulation and Technology: Understanding Agency and Context Through Multiple Levels of Inquiry*, Örebro University School of Business, Örebro University, Doctoral Thesis.
127. **Geissinger, Andrea (2021)**, *Platforms in Liquid Modernity: Essays about the Sharing Economy, Digital Platforms, and Institutions*, Örebro University School of Business, Örebro University, Doctoral Thesis.
128. **Yang, Ying (2021)**, *The Arrival of the Tipping Point of Solar Photovoltaic Technology*, Mälardalen University, Doctoral Thesis.
129. **Lindeberg, Fredrik (2021)**, *Coordinating the Internet: Thought styles, technology and coordination*, Linköping University, Doctoral Thesis.

## Doctoral Candidates at the Research School

Eighteen doctoral candidates were admitted to the Research School in 2020/2021 (eleven female and seven male). The Research School funds twelve of these partly; the remaining six are associated doctoral candidates with funding directly from sources other than MIT. The majority of these candidates began their studies in the academic year 2020/2021 at the official opening of the Research School in early September 2020.

The enrolment of the new candidates by institution is as follows:

Karlstad University	Janna Dervisic
Linnaeus University	Ali Hamidi, Aparna Lohiya
Linköping University	Malgorzata Ryczer-Dumas
Lund University	Gemza Ademaj, Betty Saenyi
Mälardalen University College	Mosarrat Farhana, Zeina Othman
Stockholm University	Saba Samadilashkariani
Umeå University	Sara Bomark, Mathias Karlsson, Panagiota Koukouvinou
University of Gothenburg	Mikael Lindquist
Uppsala University	Ricardo Costa Climent, Tim Kastrup, Aynaz Monazzam, Oscar Swinden
Örebro University	Thi Phuong Van

The total number of postgraduate students admitted to the Research School since its inauguration is 281 (as of June 2021). In the spring of 2021 there were 95 doctoral candidates in the research school. 48 % of these were male and 52 % female. Currently, 60 % hold doctoral positions funded entirely or partly by the research school.

## Doctoral Courses

During the academic year four mandatory doctoral courses were held at Uppsala and Lund. A number of doctoral students not affiliated with MIT requested and obtained permission to enroll in particular courses. Each fully approved course accounts for 7.5 credits.

### *Perspectives on Science and Research*

Course director: Professor Fredrik Tell

Location: Online

Time: August – September 2020

Number attending course: 34

### *Research in Information Systems and Informatics*

Course director: Professor Pär Ågerfalk

Location: Online

Time: February – May 2021

Number attending course: 14

### *Seminars and Thesis Work*

Course director: Professor Christina Keller

Location: Online

Time: October – November 2020

Number attending course: 14

### *Management, Organization and ICT*

Course director: Associate Professor Jan Lindvall (UU), Professor Jan Löwstedt (SU),

Location: Online

Time: April – June 2021

Number attending course: 25

## Supervision and Seminars during the Academic Year

Two conferences of two days each were held during the academic year with participation by the professors of the Executive Board and additional supervisors from the various institutions. The first conference, MITAC 2020, was held online at Uppsala University on September 29-30, 2020. At this seminar the work of the doctoral candidates was presented and discussed. Introductory presentations were followed by comments and questions from doctoral candidates, with concluding comments by senior faculty members. A plenary session on theories and perspectives was held with Anna Bengtson, Ulla Ericsson-Zetterquist, Magnus Hansson, Jan Löwstedt and Fredrik Nilsson in the panel.

The second seminar, MITSC 2021, was held online at Linnaeus University on March 18-19, 2021. The seminar was planned to be given in Kalmar, but due to the pandemic it was moved online and shortened one day. At this seminar the work of the doctoral candidates was presented and discussed. Introductory presentations were followed by comments and questions from doctoral candidates, with concluding comments by senior faculty members. Three key-note speeches were given by Gerald Midgley, Hull University, Jim Spohrer, IBM and Professor Frantz Rowe, University of Nantes.

Several doctoral candidates and senior faculty members attended international conferences and published results of their research in peer-reviewed international journals during the academic year.

## **The Website of the Research School**

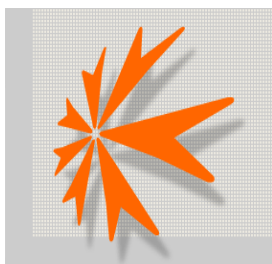
During this academic year the research school's website ([www.mit.uu.se](http://www.mit.uu.se)), has been continuously updated by Golondrian Janke and Carina Boson, aided by the contact persons in the participating universities and university colleges.

## **The MIT Alumni Association**

Under the leadership of Associate Professor Peter Ekman, the MIT Alumni Association had 131 members by the end of June 2021. Approximately 15 alumni attended MITAC 2019 and MITSC 2020 as senior faculty. During 2020/2021, the sixth and seventh issue of the MIT Alumni Letter, which is a newsletter created and edited by Peter Ekman, was sent out to the alumni of the research school.

## **The Management of the Research School**

During 2020/2021 the management of the Research School consisted of Dean, Professor Christina Keller, Deputy Dean, Associate Professor Peter Ekman, Chair, Professor Fredrik Nilsson, and Deputy Chair, Professor Fredrik Tell.



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