

The Swedish Research School of Management and IT

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Annual Report for the Academic Year 2018/2019

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 13 Swedish tertiary institutions: Blekinge Institute of Technology, Chalmers University 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).

Theses Presented During the Academic Year

Eight doctoral theses and two licentiate theses were presented during the academic year, bringing the number of Research School graduates to 113 doctors and 49 licentiates.

Doctoral Theses

106. **Stendahl, Emma (2018)**, *Headquarters Involvement in Managing Subsidiaries*. Stockholm Business School, Stockholm University, Doctoral Thesis.
107. **Fischer, Christian (2018)**, *Business Intelligence through a Sociomaterial Lens: The Imbrication of People and Technology in a Sales Process*. Department of Business Studies, Uppsala University, Doctoral Thesis.
108. **Lagin, Madelen (2018)**, *The Price We Pay: The Autonomy of Store Managers in Making Price Decisions*. Department of Business Studies, Örebro University, Doctoral Thesis.
109. **Odar, Susanne (2019)**, *Managementinitiativ, mening och verksamhetsresultat: En retrospektiv studie av en teknikintensiv verksamhet*. Department of Management and Engineering (IEI), Linköping University, Linköping Studies in Science and Technology, Doctoral Thesis.
110. **Radits, Markus (2019)**, *A Business Ecology Perspective on Community-Driven Open Source: The Case of the Free and Open Source Content Management System Joomla*. Department of Management and Engineering (IEI), Linköping University, Linköping Studies in Science and Technology, Doctoral Thesis.

111. **Skog, Daniel A. (2019)**, *The Dynamics of Digital Transformation: The Role of Digital Innovation, Ecosystems and Logics in Fundamental Organizational Change*. Umeå University, Doctoral Thesis.
112. **Ek, Peter (2019)**, *Managing Digital Open Innovation with User Communities: A Study of Community Sensing and Product Openness Capabilities in the Video Game Industry*. Department of Business Studies, Uppsala University, Doctoral Thesis
115. **Vink, Josina (2019)**, *"In/visible - Conceptualizing Service Ecosystem Design*. Karlstad University, Doctoral Thesis.¹

Licentiate Theses

48. **Svensson de Jong, Ilse (2018)**. Explorative study on Measurement of Innovation, Licentiate Thesis, Department of Design Sciences, Faculty of Engineering, Lund University.
49. **Haglund, Lennart (2019)**. Affärsrelationer på den svenska elmarknaden, School of Business, Society and Engineering, Division of Marketing and Strategy, Mälardalen University.

Doctoral Candidates at the Research School

Fifteen doctoral candidates were admitted to the Research School in 2018/2019 (five male and ten female). The Research School funds six of these partly; the remaining nine are associated doctoral candidates with funding directly from sources other than MIT. The majority of these candidates began their studies in the academic year 2018/2019 at the official opening of the Research School in early September 2018.

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

Blekinge Tekniska Högskola	Cholada Kittipittayakorn
Jönköping International Business School	Helena Löfström
Karlstad University	Jana Huck
Linnaeus University	Sebastian Hönel, My Zetterholm
Mälardalen University College	Elena Anastasiadou, Michelle Åberg
Umeå University	Hugo Hedlund, Oscar Lundberg
University of Gothenburg/IT	Frida Ivarsson, Anna Rossander
Uppsala University	Per Lindqvist, Christine Senter, Belén Casales Morici, Kevin Walther

The total number of postgraduate students admitted to the Research School since its inauguration is 249 (as of June, 2019). In the spring of 2019 there were 89 doctoral candidates at the Research School. 55 % of these were male and 45 % female. Currently, 56 % hold doctoral positions funded entirely or partly by the Research School.

¹ The theses with the numbers 113-114 were defended first during the academic year 2019-2020, but this doctoral thesis defence which was held during the spring 2019, was given the number after those, therefore the number 115 instead of 113.

Doctoral Courses

During the academic year four 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

In charge: Professor Fredrik Tell

Location: Uppsala

Time: September 2018

Number attending course: 29

Research in Information Systems and Informatics

In charge: Professor Pär Ågerfalk

Location: Uppsala/Visby, Lund

Time: March – June 2019

Number attending course: 11

Seminars and Thesis Work

In charge: Professor Christina Keller

Location: Uppsala

Time: October 2018

Number attending course: 11

Management, Organization and ICT

In charge: Professor Jan Löwstedt (SU),

Associate Professor Jan Lindvall (UU)

Location: Uppsala, Stockholm

Time: March – May 2019

Number attending course: 20

Supervision and Seminars during the Academic Year

Two seminars of three 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 seminar, MITAC 2018, was held in Visby at Uppsala University on September 19-21, 2018. This seminar was modelled on the annual Information Systems Research in Scandinavia Seminar (IRIS) and consisted of working groups in which doctoral candidates presented and discussed their on-going work with senior faculty. A submission and peer-review process that allowed for feedback and preparation for the seminar preceded the event.

The second seminar, MITSC 2019, was held at Karlstad University on March 27-29, 2019. 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 lecture was given by Matias Skrinning, Vice president for technical support and engineering, Rolls Royce Kristinehamn: “Academic research and its benefits from a practitioner’s perspective”.

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

The Website of the Research School

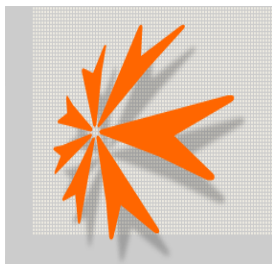
Since the launch of the Research School website (www.mit.uu.se) in 2015, Carina Boson and Elisabeth Hallmén have worked continuously to keep it updated, aided by the contact persons in the participating universities and university colleges.

The MIT Alumni Association

Under the leadership of Associate Professor Peter Ekman, the MIT Alumni Association had 125 members by the end of June 2019. Approximately 15 alumni attended MITAC 2018 and MITSC 2019 as senior faculty. During 2018/2019, the second and third 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 2018/19 the management of the Research School consisted of Dean, Professor Christina Keller, Deputy Dean Associate Professor Peter Ekman, Chairman Professor Fredrik Nilsson, and Deputy Chairman Professor Fredrik Tell.



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