

# The Swedish Research School of Management and IT

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## Annual Report for the Academic Year 2013/2014

### 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, Gothenburg University, Jönköping International Business School, the IT University in Gothenburg, Karlstad University, Linköping University, Linnaeus University, Lund University, Mälardalen University, Stockholm University, Umeå University, Uppsala University and Örebro University. (Further details, including previous annual reports, can be found on the website [www.forskarskolan-mit.nu](http://www.forskarskolan-mit.nu).)

### Theses Presented During the Academic Year

Twelve doctoral theses and one licentiate thesis were presented during the academic year, bringing the number of Research School graduates to 68 doctors and 42 licentiates.

#### *Doctoral Theses*

55. Paulsson, Wipawee Victoria (2013), *The Complementary Use of IS Technologies to Support Flexibility and Integration Needs in Budgeting*, Lund University.
56. Kajtazi, Miranda (2013), *Assessing Escalation of Commitment as an Antecedent of Noncompliance with Information Security Policy*, Linnaeus University.
57. Hasche, Nina (2013), *Value Co-Creating Processes in International Business Relationships: Three Empirical Stories of Co-operation between Chinese Customers and Swedish Suppliers*, Örebro University.
58. Pierce, Paul (2013), *Using Alliances to Increase ICT Capabilities*, Lund University.
59. Mansour, Osama (2013), *The Bureaucracy of Social Media: An Empirical Account in Organizations*, Linnaeus University.
60. Osmonalieva, Zarina (2013), *Factors Determining Exploitation of Innovative Venture Ideas: A Study of Nascent Entrepreneurs in an Advisory System*, Mälardalen University.
61. Holmberg, Nicklas (2014), *The Purity of Separation of Concerns: The Service Oriented Business Process. A Design Approach for Business Agility*, Lund University.
62. Poth, Susanna (2014), *Competitive Advantage in the Service Industry. The Importance of Strategic Congruence, Integrated Control and Coherent Organisational Structure: A Longitudinal Case Study of an Insurance Company*, Department of Business Studies, Uppsala University.
63. Safari, Aswo (2014), *Consumer Foreign Online Purchasing: Uncertainty in the Consumer-Retailer Relationship*, Department of Business Studies, Uppsala University.

64. Sandberg, Johan (2014), *Digital Capability: Investigating Coevolution of IT and Business Strategies*, Umeå University.
65. Eklinder Frick, Jens (2014), *Sowing Seeds for Innovation: The Impact of Social Capital in Regional Strategic Networks*, Mälardalen University.
66. Löfberg, Nina (2014), *Service Orientation in Manufacturing Firms: Understanding Challenges with Service Business Logic*, Karlstad University.
67. Gullberg, Cecilia (2014), *Roles of Accounting Information in Managerial Work*, Department of Business Studies, Uppsala University.
68. Bergkvist, Linda (2014), *Towards a Framework for Relational-Oriented Management of Information Systems Outsourcing: Key Conditions Connected to Actors, Relationships and Process*, Karlstad University.

#### *Licentiate Thesis*

42. Salavati, Sadaf (2014), *Novel Use of Mobile and Ubiquitous Technologies in Everyday Teaching and Learning Practices: A Complex Picture*, Linnaeus University.

### **Doctoral Candidates at the Research School**

Ten doctoral candidates were admitted to the Research School in the academic year of 2013/2014. The School funds six of these entirely or partly; the remaining are associated doctoral candidates with funding directly from sources other than the Research School. The majority of the ten candidates began their studies for the academic year 2013/2014 at the official opening of the Research School in early September 2013.

The institutional association of the new candidates is:

Gothenburg University:	Jonas Jakobsson
Karlstad University:	Kotaiba Abdul Aal
Linköping University:	Susanne Odar
Lund University:	Sinan Deniz, Ilse Svensson de Jong
Stockholm University:	Seyedeh Parisa Aasi, Natallia Pashkevich
Uppsala University:	Christian Fischer, Shruti Kashyap, Inti Lammi

The total number of postgraduate students admitted to the Research School since its inauguration is now 186. In the spring of 2014 there were 72 doctoral candidates at the Research School. 60% of these were male and 40% female. 50% held doctoral positions funded entirely or partly by the Research School. All postgraduate students have prepared approved plans of study.

### **Doctoral Courses**

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

#### *Perspectives on Science and Research*

In charge: Professor Lars Engwall  
 Location: Uppsala  
 Time: September 2013  
 Number completing course: 30

#### *Introduction to Multivariate Statistics*

In charge: Associate Professor James Sallis  
 Location: Uppsala  
 Time: May 2013  
 Number completing course: 10

#### *Seminars and Thesis Work*

In charge: Professor Pär Ågerfalk

Location: Uppsala

Time: September–October 2013

Number completing course: 16

#### *Research in Information Systems and Informatics*

In charge: Professor Sven Carlsson

Location: Lund

Time: January–February 2014

Number completing course: 9

#### *Innovative Price Models*

In charge: Professor Alf Westelius

Location: Linköping

Time: November 2013–February 2014

Number completing course: 4

#### *Management, Organisation and ICT: A Cognitive Perspective*

In charge: Associate Professor Jan Lindvall,

Professor Jan Löwstedt

Location: Uppsala and Stockholm

Time: February–April 2014

Number completing course: 15

### **Supervision and Conferences during the Academic Year**

Two conferences 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 Fall Conference was held in Uppsala on October 2–3, 2013. This conference 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. The conference was preceded by a submission and peer-review process that allowed for feedback in preparation for the conference. During the conference, participants had the opportunity to listen to the 2013 Uppsala Lectures in Business by Professor Gerald Davis, University of Michigan, who gave two lectures on the topic “After the corporation, and Corporate Structure and Social Inequality”.

The Spring Conference was held in Umeå on March 26–28, 2014. At this conference 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 professors and associate professors. There were also seminars conducted by guest speakers, all of which were well attended and appreciated.

Several doctoral candidates and members of the Executive Board attended international conferences during the academic year. In addition, doctoral candidates and senior researchers have published results of their research in various international journals.

### **MIT Grants for Postdoctoral Studies**

Doctoral graduates of MIT are eligible for grants from the Research School for continuing research. The principles governing these grants were established in 2008. Grants are to be provided on a nonrecurring basis; a second grant can be approved only in exceptional cases and under special circumstances. A grant constitutes a start-up funding and is expected to result in further work supported by other funding sources (research councils, foundations, companies, etc.). The amount of a grant is SEK 500 000, to be disbursed in two payments a year to the institution concerned.

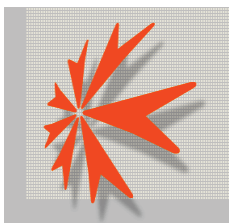
In the past academic year Cecilia Erixon (Mälardalen University College), Jimmy Røndell (Uppsala University) and Martin Svensson (Blekinge Institute of Technology) received grants to support their postdoctoral research.

## **External and Internal Home Pages of the Research School**

The Research School has an external website ([www.forskarskolan-mit.nu](http://www.forskarskolan-mit.nu)) at Uppsala University. Elisabeth Hallmén keeps it current, aided by those responsible for the websites of the different participating institutions.

## **The MIT Alumni Association**

Under the leadership of Associate Professor Christina Keller, the MIT Alumni Association now has 79 members. The annual meeting was held at Umeå University, in conjunction with the MIT Spring Conference in March.



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