

## **APPLICATION INFORMATION FOR DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

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Dear Prospective Student

Thank you for showing interest in the Doctor of Philosophy in Information Technology (DPINF1) in the Department of Information Technology. In order for us to evaluate your application the following is required and recommended:

1. Certificate and transcript of results for a successfully completed *Master of ICT Degree* or equivalent NQF level 9 qualification.
2. Qualifications from *International* and *Private* institutions require SAQA evaluation. See <http://www.saqa.org.za/>.
3. The applicant is required to submit a short draft research proposal of not more than 8 pages. The proposal should provide an outline of the intended study and minimally include a short critical review of literature demonstrating the research gap of interest, statement of the problem, preliminary aim, research question and objectives and the planned research methodology. The proposal should be supported with a sufficient number of recent publications. It is in the best interest of the applicant to ensure a high quality proposal as this will be scrutinized by prospective mentors to gauge the suitability of the applicant for the PhD programme and attract their interest in mentoring the study.
4. Applicants are advised to view <http://www.dut.ac.za/course/mtech-and-dtechinformati-on-technology/> This will afford an opportunity to become well acquainted with the various research interests in the Department of Information Technology.
5. Include a half-page covering letter providing your rationale for wanting to register for the PhD.

Applications will be accepted from 1<sup>st</sup> November until 31<sup>st</sup> January. Applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application during February via e-mail.

e-mail your draft research proposal and other required documents to: [brettv@dut.ac.za](mailto:brettv@dut.ac.za)

Successful applicants can register as a full time or a part time student.

The full time student should *not* have permanent or fixed-term contract employment and will dedicate their time exclusively to completion of the PhD. A full time student is:

- exempt from all fees for the first 3 years of the study,
- required to procure and pay for their own accommodation. Students may apply for university accommodation,
- required to procure and pay for medical insurance/aid from a DUT preferred South African service provider (only for International students wanting to reside in RSA),
- required to obtain a valid student visa for the duration of the study (only for International students wanting to reside in RSA).

A part time student is usually employed in a permanent or fixed-term contract position. They are liable for fees.

The minimum duration of the PhD is 2 years and maximum duration is 4 years.

For any queries please email [brettv@dut.ac.za](mailto:brettv@dut.ac.za)

We look forward to your application.

Kind Regards

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