Doctor of Information Technology Application Instructions

We are happy that you are applying to the **Doctor of Information Technology** program at **Trine University**. This guide explains what you need to submit. Please read all sections carefully before you apply.

Statement of Purpose Instructions

The **Statement of Purpose** is a written essay about **you and your goals**.

In this statement, please explain:

- Your past education and academic achievements

- Your work and professional experience

- Your career goals

- Your research interests in information technology

- Why you want to study in this doctoral program at Trine University

Your statement should clearly explain **why you want to earn a doctorate degree**.

Important rules:
- You must write the Statement of Purpose **by yourself**

Prior Academic Work Sample

You must submit a **previous academic paper or project** to show your research and writing skills.

Accepted examples:

- Graduate-level capstone project

- Thesis

- Major research project

Requirements:

- The paper must be **10–20 pages long**

- It must include **proper citations and references**

- The formatting must be clear and professional

- The work must be written **by you alone**

- Do not submit co-authored papers or published work

Applicants with **20 years of professional experience** may submit a professional work sample for review.

Your writing sample will be evaluated based on:

1. Relevance to information technology

2. A clear problem statement

3. A clear research question or thesis

4. Explanation of research methods

5. A literature review that explains background research

6. Clear findings or results

7. Proper use of grammar, citation, and proper APA formatting is required

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Letters of Recommendation Instructions

You must submit **letters of recommendation** that describe your ability to succeed in a doctoral program.

Letters must be:

- Uploaded directly by the recommender **OR**

- Signed and emailed by the recommender to **online@trine.edu**

Each letter should include as many of the points below as possible.

Academic Recommendation (Professor or Academic Supervisor)
The letter should explain:

1. How the recommender knows you

2. Your academic background (undergraduate and graduate studies)

3. Your academic performance, awards, or honors

4. Your research skills and potential

5. Any research projects, publications, or conference presentations

6. Why your academic interests match this doctoral program

7. How you can contribute to the field of information technology

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Industry Recommendation (Employer or Supervisor)
The letter should explain:

1. How the recommender knows you

2. Your professional skills and accomplishments

3. Examples of leadership and teamwork

4. Your work experience related to information technology

5. Important projects that prepare you for doctoral-level study

6. Your personal qualities (motivation, persistence, adaptability)

7. How you can contribute to the field through research or projects

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