



Doctor of Information Technology Application Instructions

We are thrilled that you have chosen the Doctor of Information Technology degree program at Trine University! This document is intended to aid in the application process. Please view each section before submitting your application.

Statement of Purpose Instructions

The Statement of Purpose is an opportunity to highlight your prior academic achievements and industry contributions. Upon reviewing a statement of purpose the reader must be able to identify your career goals, your academic and professional background, your areas of interest within the chosen field, and why you have chosen this program. A statement of purpose is a clear and detailed summary of your intentions for pursuing a doctorate degree. A statement of purpose must be written by the individual applying for admission. The statement of purpose is screened for artificial intelligence (AI), any statement of purpose found solely drafted by AI will receive a denial for admission.

Prior Academic Work Sample

A prior academic work sample must show the applicant's ability to conduct research and communicate effectively regarding their chosen field. Applicants must submit their **prior graduate level academic work** such as a Capstone or other major project. All academic work must show proper citation, attribution, and have clear formatting. The sample should range from 10-20 pages in length. Co-authored work and publications should be avoided.

Applicant's with 20 years of experience may submit a work sample for evaluation.

Academic work is screened using plagiarism and AI detection software. Writing samples found solely drafted by AI will receive a denial for admission.

The candidate's writing sample is evaluated for the following:

1. Relevance to the chosen field of study.
2. A clearly stated problem statement.
3. A clearly stated research question or thesis statement.
4. Description of the research methods used.
5. A literature review that provides context for the research.
6. Clearly stated findings.

Letters of Recommendation Instructions

The letters of recommendation encompasses a comprehensive list of the candidate's qualifications, potential, and suitability for doctoral-level studies in the field of information technology. All letters of recommendation will be uploaded by the recommender OR signed by the recommender and sent to intladmit@trine.edu.

Below is a list of points each recommendation should include. It is highly recommended that most points be covered.

Academic Relationship:

1. Your relationship with the candidate and your knowledge of the candidate's qualifications and accomplishments.
2. A summary of the candidate's educational background, which includes graduate and undergraduate work.
3. Discuss the candidate's academic performance. Include any honors, awards, or specific research projects relevant to the doctorate program.
4. Assess the candidate's research abilities and potential as a scholar. Be sure to mention any publications, projects, or conference presentations the candidate has been involved with.
5. Explain how the candidate's academic and research interests align with the program and why the candidate is a good fit.
6. Describe the candidate's potential to make meaningful contributions to the chosen field of study through research or projects. Specifically, highlight areas the candidate could pursue.

Industry Relationship:

1. Your relationship with the candidate and your knowledge of the candidate's qualifications and accomplishments.
2. Describe instances where the candidate has demonstrated leadership and their ability to collaborate with mentors.
3. Discuss the candidate's relevant professional experience related to the degree program.
4. Comment on relevant industry projects that have equipped the candidate for doctoral level work.
5. Highlight the candidate's personal qualities, such as motivation, perseverance, adaptability, and a passion for learning.
6. Describe the candidate's potential to make meaningful contributions to the field through research or projects. Specifically, highlight areas the candidate could pursue.