

INVITATION FOR NOMINATIONS FOR INDEPENDENT TRUSTEES FOR THE UNISA FOUNDATION TRUST

The Unisa Foundation Trust has vacancies for six independent trustees on its Board of Trustees.

An independent trustee is defined as a trustee who is neither a staff member nor a student of UNISA and who is not a connected person in relation to any of the other trustees.

The objects of the Foundation are to:

- initiate and participate in ventures to raise funds and procure contributions to support UNISA in the pursuit of its strategic goals and projects;
- administer, manage and grow the funds and assets of the Foundation;
- build and strengthen the relationship between UNISA and its donors;
- provide information and support services to UNISA and donors; and
- generally promote and support any object proposed by UNISA and which, in the considered opinion of the trustees, may benefit the development of UNISA.

An independent trustee serves for a period of three years, and may be renewed for one further period of 3 years.

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Independent trustees will need to show an appropriate mix of the following skills and educational qualification in no particular order of importance;

- Experience with large, complex organizations and an understanding of how to interpret the financial condition of such organizations.
- An ability to recognize the sometimes ambiguous distinction between management and governance.
- A record of particular interest in higher education that presumes a deep understanding of its place in our diverse society, particularly some connection with the institution they may be privileged to serve as a board member—for example, as a member of the alumni board.
- Intelligence, wisdom, breadth of vision, and a record of independent judgment.
- An inquiring mind and an ability to speak articulately and succinctly.
- A capacity to function within a collegial group as a team member; to be a good follower as well as a leader.
- A record of accomplishment in his or her life, career, and profession.
- A record of understanding of the importance of advocacy and philanthropy in ensuring institutional vitality, responsiveness, and progress in meeting public needs.
- The time and energy required to be a conscientious and attentive board member.

- Willingness to forgo partisan political activity in trustee service that could prove detrimental to the institution's and the board's reputation as fundamentally nonpartisan enterprises.
- An ability to consistently sustain a total institutional perspective in his or her and the board's work, without allegiance or commitment to anything except the good of the institution.
- the ability to influence others with excellent oral and written communication skills
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The independent trustees should show a mix of qualifications in the fields of finance, investments, legal, business, leadership and entrepreneurship

Trustees are not remunerated for their services as trustees but the Foundation may reimburse them for reasonable expenses incurred by them in the administration of the trust, including attendance at meetings of the Foundation

Trustees will have to meet the minimum requirement of being appointed as a trustee, ie person not provisionally sequestered or been declared by a court of law to be mentally ill or incapable of managing his or her own affairs.

Members of UNISA Council, employees and students of the University as well as members of the Convocation are hereby cordially invited to submit such nominations.

- Please complete the nomination form available here ([link](#))
- Attach the nominee's comprehensive curriculum vitae; and
- A statement by the proposer of not more than 350 words attesting to the suitability of the nominee for the position of an independent trustee.

Nominations (including the mentioned supporting documents) must be sent to the Acting Registrar, Prof QM Temane (registrar@unisa.ac.za) or delivered at the office of the Secretary of Council, Room B4-02 Theo van Wyk Building, UNISA, Pretoria. Kindly note that no nomination can be accepted without the nominee's written consent, his/her curriculum vitae and the statement by the proposer.

The nomination with the abovementioned supporting documents must reach the office of the Secretary of Council (Registrar) by the close of business on the 20th of June 2017.

**NOMINATION OF AN INDEPENDENT TRUSTEE FOR THE UNISA
FOUNDATION TRUST**

NOMINEE

FULL NAME OF NOMINEE:

ADDRESS:

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TELEPHONE / CELLPHONE NO:

(The curriculum vitae of the nominee should be attached to this nomination form)

SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE ACCEPTING THE NOMINATION

DATE

PROPOSER

NAME OF PROPOSER:

CAPACITY IN WHICH NOMINATION IS MADE: (Indicate capacity)

- Council member
- Employee, employee no.
- Student of the University, student no.
- member of the Convocation

SIGNATURE OF PROPOSER

DATE

NOTE: Nomination to be submitted, not later than 20 June 2017 to:

Prof QM Temane
Registrar and secretary of Council
Room B4-02
Theo van Wyk Building
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Email address: registrar@unisa.ac.za