



School of Communication: Postgraduate Studies

How does the application process work?

SEPTEMBER

- Formally apply for admission by the end of **September** in the year **BEFORE** you plan to register. Request a formal application from Admissions or apply online.
 - Opening date: 1 Sept of each academic year. Closing date: 30 Sept of each academic year.
- Include the following in your application:
 - Academic record
 - Curriculum Vitae
 - Brief outline of your proposed study (see template for one-pager)
 - Letter motivating why you want to enrol for MA or PhD studies
 - Optional: Examples of academic writing such as a journal article published

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

- In **November** there will be a 'paper screening'. If your application is successful, you will be granted provisional acceptance and a mentor will be assigned to you.
- A mentor is not yet the appointed supervisor as you have not registered - the mentor is assigned to provide clarity with your subject of interest.

DECEMBER

JANUARY

- If you are provisionally accepted, you need to start reading, in preparation for the January workshop for the following year. The workshop focuses on what you can expect from postgraduate study and writing your research proposal. Your mentor will guide you in this process.

FEBRUARY

MARCH

- You then need to successfully present your research proposal in March to a selection panel in order to be finally admitted to the program.
- Once your research proposal has been approved
 - your supervisor will be confirmed
 - you are allowed to register before or on 31 March
- You can then start finalising your proposal.

Take note: Your research proposal (title registration) needs to be completed within six months of registration.