



INVITATIONS OF NOMINATIONS TO FILL VACANT INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSITIONS ON THE UNISA ENTERPRISE (PTY) LTD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Council of UNISA approved the establishment and incorporation of UNISA Enterprise (Pty) Ltd (“the Enterprise”) as a separate legal entity and a subsidiary of UNISA to enhance UNISA’s Third Stream Income generation efforts. In terms of the Memorandum of Incorporation incorporating the Enterprise, the Board of the Enterprise shall comprise eight (8) members as follows:

1. UNISA’s Chief Financial Officer;
2. The Chief Executive Officer of UNISA Enterprise (Pty) Ltd who shall serve as Executive Director;
3. Four (4) Independent Non-Executive Directors (being external parties not employed by the University and having the necessary expertise to effectively govern the company), one of them to serve as Chairperson of the Board;
4. Two (2) members of the Council of the University neither of them employed by the University nor a student of the University.

The purpose of this advertisement is to invite nominations for the appointment of two independent non-executive directors with the following experience:

1. An individual, who is also an academic, with knowledge and experience in Intellectual property, patents and technology.
2. An individual, who is also an entrepreneur, with experience in growing start-up businesses to sustainable revenue generating enterprises.

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The successful nominees shall be appointed as Board of Directors for a period of 3 years.

The nominees must be:

- people with a high degree of integrity, honesty, transparency, accountability and be capable of providing ethical leadership to the entity;
- understanding of good governance principles, king IV codes and their fiduciary duties as entrenched in the Companies Act;
- represent a broad cross-section of the population of the Republic;
- committed to the objectives and principles as enunciated in the Statute of the University of South Africa, 2006;
- South African citizens permanently resident in the Republic.

Specialized Skills Minimum Requirements

Role 1: Independent Non-Executive Director – Intellectual Property, Patents and Technology

Nominees with the following proven skills, knowledge, qualifications, and experience in the following areas will be considered:

Minimum Requirements:

- a. An academic professor at a senior level with 10 years-experience and/or understanding of Intellectual Property, Patents and Technology
- b. Post graduate qualification in Intellectual Property and Technology
- c. Formal qualifications in law (LLB, LLM and/or LLD or related) would be an advantage
- d. Registration as a Patent Attorney will be an added advantage
- e. At least 10 years' experience of providing strategic leadership in the commercialization of Intellectual Property, Patents & technology at board level
- f. Experience in conducting research, innovation and digital transformation, IP audit, formulating IP policies and frameworks
- g. Thorough knowledge, skills and expertise with Intellectual property law and technology, including registration of IPs with the CIPC

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Role 2: Independent Non-Executive Director: Entrepreneurship and Business Incubation

Nominees with the following proven skills, knowledge, qualifications and experience in the following areas will be considered. Minimum Requirements:

- a. Post graduate degree in Commercial Studies (Business Management, Economics, Accounting, financial accounting or equivalent related).
- b. At least 10 years knowledge and proven-track record in establishing a start-up company and growing it into a successful entity.
- c. At least 10 years' experience of providing strategic leadership at board level.

All nominations must be completed in the prescribed manner by completing and submitting a signed nominations form attached herewith. The nomination form must be accompanied by a comprehensive Curriculum Vitae (CV) of the nominee **as well as a certified copy of his/her identity document and his/her certified copies of qualification(s).**

Communication will be made with shortlisted nominees only.

All nominations must be sent via e-mail to Ndimenhle.Bungane@unisaenterprise.ac.za with subject line as:

- **Board Nomination: Non-Executive Director – Intellectual Property, Patents and Technology; or**
- **Board Nomination: Non-Executive Director: Entrepreneurship and Business Incubation.**

Closing date for the submission of nominations is **22 October 2021** at 12:00 noon. Please note that nominees will be subjected to qualifications check and security clearance.

Late submissions/nominations will not be considered at all.

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