Dear [Name],

Thank you for your interest in pursuing a PhD at IDA. We are thrilled to have you on board as a PhD student! We value your presence and contributions to our research community. We look forward to working with you on your research journey.

Best regards,
[Your Name]
Q: What are the requirements for becoming a PhD student?
A: Every PhD student is admitted to a subject area, and each subject area has its own requirements. In order to be eligible you should have at least the equivalent of a Bachelor's degree plus an additional year of specialization in the subject area (Master's degree). However, Swedish courses are available, and we strongly encourage everyone to learn Swedish to better interact with the local environment. Participation in national and international conferences is also encouraged. PhD students have access to camps for doctoral students, and some PhD students also become members of doctoral networks.

Q: What PhD subject areas can I be admitted to?
A: There are four PhD subject areas: computer science, programming languages, information systems, and statistics. There is also the PhD subject area for cognitive science, and the subject of your thesis is typically decided jointly by yourself and your supervisor. All PhD students have an office of their own, usually close to their supervisor, equipped with modern workstations and/or PCs. We also encourage PhD students to participate in national and international conferences. The writing of a PhD thesis usually implies taking part in research projects conducted by one or more of our researchers and several additional supervisors, consisting of the main supervisor and several additional supervisors. Many PhD courses also have an advisory committee participating in the PhD course and the PhD degree. The integrated degree and the PhD degree are closely linked, and the integration degree is a degree midway between a Master's degree and a PhD degree. The integrated degree includes a research component and 90 ECTS credits. Students who complete the integrated degree can then continue to complete a PhD degree, and one year of this work (exceeding the basic research component) is required before you can sign up for an information science program. Please see ida.liu.se/nyfiken where you can find out more information.

Q: How do I finance my studies?
A: There is no tuition fee. In fact, almost every PhD student in the department is employed as a doctorand and has a salary. A doctorand position is typically renewed one year at a time, and is limited to a maximum of 4 years (excluding teaching).

Q: How do I become a PhD student?
A: There is no online application. In fact, most PhD students are invited to apply. The best advice is to get in contact with one of our researchers. If you are interested in a subject area, you should contact one or two of our researchers and/or one of the division heads before you apply. For students from Linköping, the master's project is usually viewed as a part of your PhD studies. However, for students from other universities, and for students who are not from Sweden, the PhD course program is a mixture of regular courses, given every or every other year, and temporary courses. The courses for this academic year (and previous years) can be found on our home page. Please see ida.liu.se/nyfiken where you can find out more information.

Q: How much teaching does a PhD student do?
A: Everyone who has a full-time “doctorand” position should devote at least 80 per cent of the time to PhD courses and thesis work. Hence, up to 20 per cent can be devoted to teaching. The best advice is to get in contact with one of our researchers and/or one of the division heads before you apply. For students from Linköping, the master's project is usually viewed as a part of your PhD studies. However, for students from other universities, and for students who are not from Sweden, the PhD course program is a mixture of regular courses, given every or every other year, and temporary courses. The courses for this academic year (and previous years) can be found on our home page. Please see ida.liu.se/nyfiken where you can find out more information.