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The Saimaa University of Applied Sciences (SUAS) is an international institute of higher education that offers education in five different fields: Technology, Health Care and Social Services, Business Administration, Tourism and Hospitality and Fine Arts. There are approximately 3000 students and 300 staff members studying and working at the SUAS units located in Lappeenranta and Imatra.

The Saimaa UAS concentrates on three strategic focus areas: user-oriented technologies and their commercial applications, health and social services and service processes as well as management and entrepreneurship. The goal is to develop regional attractiveness in collaboration with companies.

What is a thesis?

A thesis is a development project which aims to produce new solutions for companies by combining theoretical knowledge with practical skills. The purpose is to provide students with an opportunity to demonstrate their ability to apply skills and knowledge gained during studies. The extent of the thesis is 10 full working weeks, which entails both the work and report part. This should be taken into

consideration when determining the project and its contents. If the development project is larger in scope, the same topic can be assigned to several students.

The SUAS staff will offer their support and expertise for the thesis process providing the client company with a chance to develop further collaboration with the Saimaa UAS.

Collaboration

The client company will appoint a contact person, who collaborates with the student and the SUAS thesis supervisor during the thesis process. At the beginning of the process, all the parties should meet to discuss and agree upon the objectives and schedule of the thesis. Furthermore, the parties should discuss how the responsibilities and duties are divided. Possible costs and their distribution as well as working arrangements should also be agreed upon. The issues are all covered in the thesis co-operation agreement signed at the meeting.

The aforementioned meeting is arranged by the student. If it is not possible to arrange a meeting, the parties can communicate with each other by phone or e-mail. In this case, the student is responsible for explaining the contents of the agreement to the client as well as obtaining the required signatures.

The student and client decide together, when the student will present the results of the thesis. The thesis supervisor can also attend this meeting, if the client so wishes. At the end of the process, the client is commonly asked to evaluate the thesis.



Feedback

When the thesis is ready, the company representative can give feedback on the thesis process by filling out an electronic feedback form. The purpose of the feedback is to determine how useful the thesis process was, how well the collaboration succeeded and how future thesis projects could be developed.



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