



THE UNIVERSITY OF
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Joint PhD Programs

Factsheet

The University of Sydney supports a small number of Joint PhD programs with key partners, which are governed by the [Dual and Joint Degree Policy 2019](#). Joint PhD programs require a Principal Agreement to be in place with the partner institution and a subordinate Student Agreement to be in place for the individual candidate.

What is a Joint PhD?

Joint PhD programs were previously called 'Cotutelles'. A Joint PhD refers to a Doctor of Philosophy degree program that shares candidature between the University of Sydney and a partner institution. The candidate produces a single thesis, has one examination, and receives one PhD, jointly awarded by the University of Sydney and the partner institution.

The program is administered on an exchange basis and is fee-waiver (tuition waived by host institution). Candidates spend time at both institutions (with a minimum 30% at the University of Sydney).

Setting up a Joint PhD Principal and Student Agreement

Going forward, Joint PhD programs will only be established with the University's [key international partners](#), where there are strong prospects for university-wide engagement and a sustainable two-way flow of Joint PhD candidates.

Joint PhD programs are not set-up to support individual candidates. Inbound candidates interested in an international experience at USYD are encouraged to apply for the [Visiting Researcher Program](#) (VRP).

Current partners

Current Cotutelles and Joint PhD partnerships are listed in the table below. Going forward, 'Cotutelle Agreements' will be renewed as 'Joint PhD Principal Agreements' in line with the [Dual and Joint Degree Policy 2019](#).

Partner	Location	Scope of Agreement
The Group of Eight	Australia-wide	University-wide*
Aix-Marseille University	France	University-wide*
Ca' Foscari University of Venice	Italy	Faculty of Science
Grenoble Alpes	France	University-wide*
Hokkaido University	Japan	Faculty of Science
University of Bologna	Italy	Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
University Paris Est	France	Faculty of Engineering University

**Please note that participation in a Joint PhD program is subject to approval by individual Schools/ Faculties. There are no current opportunities within the Faculty of Medicine and Health.*

We have several more Joint PhD partnerships under negotiation.

Fees and tuition

The Joint PhD program operates on an exchange basis. Fees are waived at the host institution. Both domestic and international candidates are encouraged to apply.

Applying for a Joint PhD Program

If you're interested in applying for candidature in a Joint PhD program with one of the partners listed in the table above, you will need to follow the application instructions outlined for a [Doctor of Philosophy \(PhD\)](#).

Additional requirements

Please also refer to the relevant faculty for additional admission requirements, or variations in the application process, which may apply:

- [Architecture, design and planning](#)
- [Arts and social science](#)
- [Business](#)
- [Engineering and computer science](#)
- [Law](#)
- [Music](#)
- [Science](#)

If your application for a Joint PhD is accepted, you will be required to sign an individual student agreement and will then be sent detailed application instructions from the University of Sydney Admissions team.

Please refer to the University's [Dual and Joint Degree Policy](#) for full policy details. For more information, please email the Dual Degree Coordinator: joint-degrees.sfs@sydney.edu.au.