

# Follow the Leader

## COTUTELLE AND JOINT PHD

A trailblazer for joint supervision programs in Australia, Macquarie University has been participating in cotutelle and joint PhD programs since 1999. We further committed to fostering excellence in 2007 by embedding the programs as a formal component of our research strategy.

As of the end of 2014, Macquarie University has hosted more than 210 cotutelle and joint PhD candidates with more than 110 universities in over 30 countries, led by Europe and China.

### WHY DO WE DO IT?

We aim to establish deep, continuing relationships with international research universities through the joint research candidate supervision.

Benefits for all	
Institutions	Candidates
Deepens and strengthens research collaborations and networks at an institutional level	Exposure to different academic environments through joint enrolment and supervision
Fosters a higher level of cooperation between researchers in their respective fields through co-supervision	Training experiences and access to the latest research equipment and technologies at two institutions
Provides access to new funding schemes as well as new international enrolments	International networking opportunities that will expand future employment opportunities through exposure to new academic institutions and new industries
Provides an opportunity to increase joint publications, citation rate and rankings	Access to new funding schemes
Make the institution more attractive to potential candidates	Experience a new culture and environment and develop soft skills

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE BEST

Because of the prestige of joint supervision programs, we offer scholarships to a select group of high-quality candidates that include:

- Scholarships for tuition fees for up to 3 years
- Stipend while the student is on campus at Macquarie
- Return economy airfare

### WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Under both joint supervision models, the student is enrolled at two universities with a principal supervisor at each. Both universities sign an agreement for the candidate, which outlines the research and enrolment arrangements.

The major differences between the models at Macquarie University are outlined in the table below.

Head to head	
Cotutelle	Joint PhD
Joint enrolment at MQ and an overseas university	Joint enrolment at MQ and an overseas university
Priority institutional partners – but open to all universities subject to approval	Institutional partners require Academic Senate Approval
Institutional memorandum of understanding (MOU) not compulsory	Institutional MOU/agreement required
Separate progress assessments	One university is designated as the lead
Single thesis submitted to both universities	Single thesis submitted to the lead university
Separate examination	Joint examination
Two testamurs	One joint testamur
Two graduation ceremonies	One graduation ceremony

### GET MORE DETAILS

Current Macquarie students as well as those already enrolled at an overseas university can apply.

<http://hdr.mq.edu.au/cotutelle>

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