



Collaborative Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Policy

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To set out clear principles governing Collaborative PhDs including Joint Award, Dual Award and Cotutelle PhD programs.

2. POLICY STATEMENT

- 2.1 Curtin University supports Collaborative PhDs with quality Partner Institutions in order to grow research collaboration.
- 2.2 Collaborative PhDs are encouraged where there is evidence of:
 - (a) an existing collaboration between researchers at Curtin and the Partner Institution; and/or
 - (b) where such a collaboration would build a sustainable research collaboration; and
 - (c) where the collaboration is an area of strategic importance.
- 2.3 The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research or Delegate will assess all new requests for Collaborative PhDs.
- 2.4 All Collaborative PhDs will be covered by an Agreement signed by the delegated officer in each university. The Agreement will cover:
 - (a) Admission; Supervision; Candidacy or equivalent; Ethics; Intellectual Property; Language of the Thesis, Submission and Examination; Award; and
 - (b) Financial arrangements with regard to Tuition Fees, Scholarship Stipends, Health Cover and Travel Expenses; and
 - (c) Complaints and Misconduct; and Dispute Resolution.
- 2.5 Rule No. 10 Made Pursuant to Statute No. 12 - Enrolment: Degree of Doctor by Research and other Curtin Policies and Guidelines related to Higher Degree by Research will be adhered to except where specific arrangements are detailed in the Agreement.

3. RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION, COMPLIANCE MONITORING, MEASURING AND CONTINUAL IMPROVEMENT

These management positions are responsible for implementation and compliance monitoring of the policy in their work areas:

- Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research
- Associate Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research Training

4. SCOPE OF POLICY

This policy applies to all Collaborative PhDs where students are enrolled in a PhD degree at Curtin and at an approved Partner Institution. It does not apply to arrangements where there is collaborative supervision but enrolment in a PhD degree at only one institution.

5. DEFINITIONS

(Note: Commonly defined terms are located in the [Curtin Common Definitions](#). Any defined terms below are specific to this document)

Collaborative PhD

Collaborative PhD means a Doctor of Philosophy degree jointly supervised by staff at Curtin University and at a Partner Institution where the student is enrolled at both institutions.

Dual Award

Dual Award means two qualifications and two testamurs conferred separately by two institutions for two programs of study,

Joint Award

Joint Award means a single qualification which can take the form of one or two testamurs, jointly conferred by the collaborating institutions for a joint program of study.

Partner Institution

Partner Institution means a degree awarding institution within Australia or overseas that is collaborating with Curtin in a Collaborative PhD Program.

6. SUPPORTING PROCEDURES

[Collaborative Doctor of Philosophy \(PhD\) Procedures](#)

7. RELATED DOCUMENTS/LINKS

[Rule No. 10 Made Pursuant to Statute No. 12 – Enrolment: Degree of Doctor by Research](#)

[Higher Education Standards Framework \(Threshold Standards\) 2015 – Part A, Section 1.5, 5.2 and 5.4](#)

[Information Paper: TEQSA's approach to the assessment of joint and dual awards](#)

[Principles for Joint Higher Degrees by Research](#)

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