



## 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:
- an existing collaboration between researchers at Curtin and the Partner Institution; and/or
  - where such a collaboration would build a sustainable research collaboration; and
  - 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:
- Admission; Supervision; Candidacy or equivalent; Ethics; Intellectual Property; Language of the Thesis, Submission and Examination; Award; and
  - Financial arrangements with regard to Tuition Fees, Scholarship Stipends, Health Cover and Travel Expenses; and
  - 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 \(Threshold Standards\) 2011 – Chapter 4, Section 2.2 and 2.4.4 \(To be revoked 1 January 2017\)](#)

[Higher Education Standards Framework \(Threshold Standards\) 2015 – Part A, Section 1.5, 5.2 and 5.4 \(To take effect 1 January 2017\)](#)

[Information Paper: TEQSA’s approach to the assessment of joint and dual awards – September 2013](#)

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

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