

Expression of Interest for a Collaborative PhD Agreement (Joint PhD or Cotutelle)

This template is intended to support staff in preparing an Expression of Interest (Eoi) for the establishment of a formal Collaborative PhD agreement between The University of Western Australia (UWA) and a proposed partner institution. The Eoi should clearly articulate the strategic, academic, and operational rationale for entering into the proposed partnership. It should also consider the associated risks and implications of entering the agreement. Institutional Joint PhD Agreements should benefit multiple Schools, yield a significant number of candidates and support or complement other collaborative touchpoints. They should also demonstrably support the UWA research vision and strategy. Where these characteristics cannot be demonstrated, it may be more appropriate for researchers to pursue a Cotutelle agreement.

Section 1: Institution Details and Outline of Benefits

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name of Partner Institution: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Location of Partner Institution:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact name, role and contact details at Partner Institution: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research Strengths:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global Ranking: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anticipated number of candidates, participating UWA Schools and breadth of engagement.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is this agreement proposed as an Institutional Joint PhD or a Cotutelle? If an Institutional Joint PhD, please provide extensive responses to the following questions regarding previous collaboration, rationale and benefits: 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current/past collaborations (e.g. joint research, publications, grants, previous supervision etc): 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rationale for Proposed Agreement (please include information about why this agreement is important to the institution, not just the School, what opportunity it presents and why this proposal is coming forward at this time) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Benefits to UWA (please include information about extended benefits such as network access, industry collaboration, devolved funding, commercialisation etc in addition to the academic or direct research benefits): 	

Section 2: Strategic Alignment

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outline how the partnership aligns with UWA's strategic objectives in research, education, and/or international engagement.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outline how candidates will benefit (e.g. infrastructure, expertise, career development, mobility).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outline how the broader research collaboration will be enhanced and the expected synergies and outcomes.

Section 3: Financial Considerations

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detail proposed tuition arrangements, financial contributions, scholarships, and the financial implications for UWA. Please outline the proposal to manage these financial implications and how this arrangement will be resourced, including the means to ensure support of the candidate whilst located at UWA.

Section 4: Risk and Compliance

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do any of the proposed areas of research include critical technologies? Please identify which ones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have you considered potential reputational, financial or operational risks that may emerge? Please document these risks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has this proposal been flagged with the Global Engagement team? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is there an existing MoU or other agreement with this institution?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has this proposal been risk assessed by FIDDG? (Please note that all agreements are subject to risk review) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has this proposal been deemed medium or high risk for any reason?* If yes, why?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What mitigations will be put in place to manage these risks? 	

*Please note that agreements deemed to be high-risk will not proceed

Section 5: Partner Institution Consultation

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To what extent have preliminary discussions commenced with the proposed partner institution? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What resources or contributions (financial and/or in-kind) is the partner institution able to put to this agreement?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What volume of candidates per annum do they consider viable for this agreement and can they attract said candidates? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have they identified any risks or compliance issues? Please document
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have candidates already been identified? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the partner institution require completion of a coursework component and Qualifying examination before commencement of the research project?

Section 6: Institutional Endorsements

Please add any attachments to support this EoI at the end of this document.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Head of School Name: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Head of School Signature:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FIDDG Representative: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FIDDG Signature:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PVC-RT Name: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PVC-RT Signature
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BGRS endorsement: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Date: