

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING JOINTLY AWARDED PHD DEGREE



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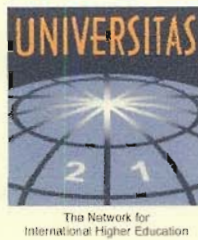
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## **Terminology: International Jointly Awarded PhD Degree**

A **jointly awarded PhD** is a qualification conferred upon a student on completion of a collaborative programme established by the partner institutions.

It is characterised by:

- Meeting the academic requirements of both universities
- Agreement regarding a lead university
- Joint supervision
- A single degree awarded for one PhD thesis
- Parchment(s) issued which indicate that there has been joint supervision

The *Universitas 21* (U21) Universities of **Auckland, Birmingham, British Columbia, Delhi, Dublin (University College), Edinburgh, Glasgow, Hong Kong, Korea, McGill, Melbourne, Nottingham, Queensland and Virginia, the 'Participating Universities'**, are committed to the development of a scheme for the establishment of Joint PhD degree programmes.

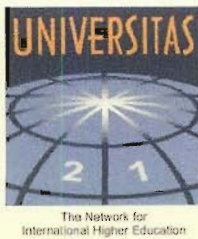
Each U21 collaborative student programme established under the terms of this MOU will be the subject of a separate **Memorandum of Agreement** entered into between the institutions concerned. Specific items for inclusion or detailed clarification in the Memoranda of Agreement between partner institutions would **INCLUDE THE TOPICS COVERED BY** Articles 3-11 of the 13 Articles of this Memorandum of Understanding:

### **Article 1:**

The collaborating institutions will jointly award a single PhD degree to a student who participates in a joint programme involving the collaborative U21 institutions.

### **Article 2:**

When appropriate, this Memorandum of Understanding could be extended to U21 universities beyond the Participating Universities



**Article 3:**

For each student accepted for study on a joint PhD programme, one of the collaborating institutions will be designated as the **Lead University** responsible for overall administration.

**Article 4:**

Each institution will provide at least one supervisor or a higher minimum number if local regulations so require. All supervisors should hold actual or virtual joint meetings with the student as defined in the **Memorandum of Agreement**.

**Article 5:**

Each collaborating institution agrees to allow a student enrolled for study in a joint PhD programme to have the same level of access to facilities enjoyed by other students enrolled at that institution.

**Article 6:**

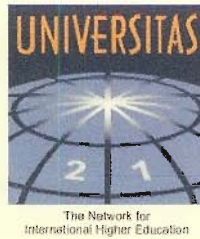
Each of the institutions involved must arrange for the admission of the student in accordance with their own procedures. Normally joint PhD programme arrangements should be established at the outset. An individual **Memorandum of Agreement** covering each student's research and studies must be completed and approved by both supervisors, the student and a designated authorised university signatory.

**Article 7:**

The financial arrangements between collaborating institutions for tuition fees, student support and examinations should be stated in the **Memorandum of Agreement** in each specific case.

**Article 8:**

Duration of research and study for the PhD will normally be not less than three years full time equivalent. Departure from this normal duration would be specified in the **Memorandum of Agreement**.



**Article 9:**

Examination procedures will be agreed by the two institutions and will be stated in the **Memorandum of Agreement**.

**Article 10:**

Issues of Intellectual Property Rights should explicitly be dealt with in the student-specific **Memoranda of Agreement** between collaborating institutions.

**Article 11:**

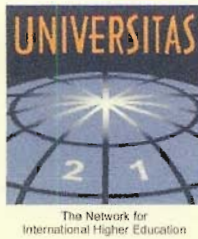
The thesis will normally be written in a language that meets the requirements of the lead institution and where appropriate will include a substantial summary written in the language of the other institution (where there is more than one language of study between the two universities). Departure from this normal approach would be specified in the **Memorandum of Agreement**.

**Article 12:**

Normally, graduating students will be awarded their degree at a graduation ceremony at the Lead University. The degree parchment(s) will clearly reflect the joint nature of the award. Both institutions will be entitled to include details of successful graduands in their alumni databases.

**Article 13:**

Participating universities may give no less than one (1) year's notice of their intention to cease participation in future programmes of Joint PhD study, providing there are no students currently enrolled at any other U21 university pursuing a Jointly Awarded PhD with that university. Should there be a student currently still enrolled and studying, the member wishing to no longer participate in future programmes of Jointly Awarded PhD study agrees to time its withdrawal from the programme only after that student has successfully completed their study.



## SIGNATURES

This MoU records the understanding between the parties and is not intended to be a legally binding document and shall not be enforceable in any Court of Law.

This Memorandum of Understanding is established in 14 original copies written in English all being equally valid. One copy will be kept by the secretariat of *Universitas 21* currently based at the University of Birmingham.

### Signed in Korea on 22 May 2009 by:

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Professor David Eastwood  
Vice Chancellor  
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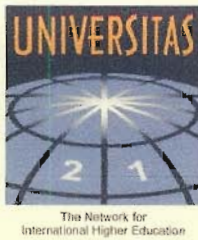
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