



What is a Cotutelle?

If you are from another university or have a collaborator at another university, you might consider formalising this collaboration with a Cotutelle arrangement. A **Cotutelle Doctoral Degree** refers to a doctoral degree program that is undertaken jointly at James Cook University (JCU) and an international higher education institution.

This means that the PhD candidate (domestic or international) is supervised jointly by academics from both institutions and divides his/her candidature between JCU and the partner institution. Upon successful completion of a PhD candidate will also be awarded two testamurs, one from each institution. Relevant details such as supervisory arrangements, examination processes and timeframes will be identified in a Cotutelle agreement between the candidates, advisors and institutions.

Eligibility for Candidates

To be eligible for a Cotutelle doctoral degree you will need to be:

- admitted to a doctoral degree at your home institution
- a full-time student
- have the support of your home institution principal advisor, and
- have identified a potential Advisor at the host institution
- The entrance requirements for each university must be fully respected.

Getting started:

- Liaise with the JCU College or Centre to gather an in principle agreement between HDR candidate, advisory panel and the partner institution
- Contact the GRS for a cotutelle template agreement or download from our website.

| Benefits to the Institutions | Benefits to the Candidate |
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| Establishing new or strengthening existing research collaborations and networks | Exposure to a different academic environments though joint enrolment and supervision |
| Enables a higher level of cooperation between researchers in their respective fields through co-supervision. | Access to research technologies, training and other opportunities at the two institutions. |
| Provides access to new funding schemes and access to new international enrolments | Increased networks both personally and professionally and career opportunities |
| Extending the global impact and reach of your research | Experience new cultures and global impact of your research |

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