

INFORMATION SESSION

Cotutelle PhD Programs

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1. INTRODUCTION

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2. WHAT IS A COTUTELLE ?

Cotutelle	Joint PhD
Joint enrolment at MQ and an overseas university	Joint enrolment at MQ and an overseas university
Priority institutional partners – but open to all universities subject to approval	Institutional partners require Academic Senate Approval
Institutional memorandum of understanding (MOU) not compulsory	Institutional MOU/agreement required
Separate progress assessments	One university is designated as the lead
Single thesis submitted to both universities for examination	Single thesis submitted to the lead university for examination
Single thesis defence	Single thesis defence
Two testamurs	One joint testamur
Two graduation ceremonies	One graduation ceremony

3. ADVANTAGES, CHALLENGES, OPPORTUNITIES

For cotutelle students	For cotutelle thesis advisors/supervisors
Advantages and opportunities	Advantages and opportunities
Exposure to different academic environments, facilities, technologies and training opportunities	Access to a wide and diverse talent pool
Support by a team of thesis advisors/ supervisors	Access to research facilities
Access to funding opportunities in the degree (tuition fee, living stipend, travel support) and future opportunities (invitation to be on grant applications)	Increased access to funding opportunities
Cross cultural and soft skill development	Potential for greater reach of research and its impact
Build an international research network	Build international research networks
Explore a new country, make new friends, learn new things	
Challenges	Challenges
Time zone difference, Jet lag	Time zone difference – lag in communications, meetings on zoom
Communication style adjustment	Setting clear expectations and their management outside of on-campus attendance period
Period of adjustment to new culture and climate	Cultural and communication style adjustment
Advanced planning required	More administratively complex than a standard PhD
Greater independence and problem solving is required	

DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

For cotutelle students at MQ – Inbound from Göttingen

MQ provides over 160 development opportunities for candidates, spanning academic to professional skills to enhance employability outcomes

Academic Developmental Opportunities:

- Research writing skills
- Critical thinking skills
- Data management training
- Data analysis training (Quantitative & Qualitative)
- Grant Writing Skills

Professional Development Opportunities:

- Creative & Design thinking skills
- Understanding Professionals with a PhD
- How to engage with Industry
- Leadership & Citizenship
- Entrepreneurship training

For cotutelle students at Göttingen – Inbound from Macquarie University

Four Graduate Schools at UGOE offer mentoring and advisory services alongside intensive seminars and courses. The Career Service offers expertise to strategically plan career paths.

Academic and Professional Skills courses

- Effective Scientific Writing and Publishing
- Presenting your research
- Critical Reasoning and Logic
- Introduction to Public Relations for Young Scientists
- Time and self-management

Professional support regarding:

- Skill Set / Career Development
- Job Search Strategy
- Application Profile
- Job Interview
- Working in Germany (for international students)

4. Process

- Things to consider before starting the process:
 - Do I meet the entry requirements to each institution?
 - ✓ Applicants for Cotutelle / Joint PhD programs must meet the [admission criteria](#) to the MQ PhD program, including the HDR English language requirements, and if applicable, the scholarship rating criteria may apply
 - ✓ Applicants to Göttingen must meet the requirements for the respective PhD program.
 - Do I have enough time left in my candidature (applicable to MQ)?
 - ✓ The **minimum** period for which a Cotutelle or Joint PhD candidate must be jointly enrolled in both institutions is strictly **2 years**
 - ✓ The **maximum** duration for a Cotutelle or Joint PhD is **3 years**
 - ✓ Cotutelle and Joint PhD candidates should aim to split their time at each institution evenly, and are expected to spend a **minimum** of **12 months** at each institution
 - Start planning early!

FROM APPLICATION/PROPOSAL TO AGREEMENT

Macquarie University

MQ Supervisor completes and submits Cotutelle/Joint PhD Proposal Form along with candidate's application documents to the GRA

Proposal submission should occur 3-6 months prior to anticipated joint enrolment

GRA (Strategic Programs Team) undertakes pre-assessment of the candidate

MQ supervisor undertakes scholarship rating of the candidate

Cotutelle Proposal is endorsed by HoD, ADHDR and PVC(GR) if the candidate meets admission and scholarship rating

Applicant submits [HDR Application](#) and supporting documentation

Application is formally assessed by GRA (Pre-Candidature Team), Faculty and Operations Director

A conditional offer may be made if the agreement is not yet finalised

The assessment process may take 6-8 weeks

GRA (Strategic Programs Team) and Göttingen Department of Student and Academic Services Team draft and finalise candidate Cotutelle / Joint PhD Agreement

These negotiations may take 3-7 months to complete, depending on any changes to standard arrangements.

University of Göttingen

Applicant applies at respective faculty at UGOE for PhD program, then sends a scan of the admission letter to Student and Academic Services

Student and Academic Services sends out a Cotutelle Application form to the candidate

Applicant submits questionnaire and required documents

Legend:

supervisor

candidate

University professional staff

5. SUPPORT AND FUNDING AVAILABLE

Administrative Support

Dedicated team that provides guidance and coordination of

- the expression of interest communication between the universities
- drafting and finalisation of agreements
- the provision of information about living costs

Institutional Funding (from MQ)

- Eligible students receive stipend during MQ on-Campus time
- Tuition fee scholarship for MQ tuition fees
- funding for return airfare (MQ)

External Funding Opportunities:

[DAAD: Research Grants - Bi-nationally Supervised Doctoral Degrees/Cotutelle](#)

- The aim of this programme is the funding of bi-national doctoral projects at the home university and at a university in Germany.
- The programme offers two options:
 - *Option a)* Doctorate with bi-national supervision
 - *Option b)* Doctorate following the “Cotutelle” procedure
- Duration: Max. 24 mos.(during stays at their home university, the grant is interrupted)
- Deadline: October 20 for stays that start in October of the following year

7. POINT PEOPLE AND UNIVERSITY OFFICES

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6. HEAR FROM OUR COTUTELLE PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

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Cotutelle candidate supervised by Prof. Dr. Lutz M Kolbe (Göttingen) and Prof. Ernest Jordan (Macquarie)
Year of completion 2011, thesis title *Adoption and Benefits of Standardized IT Management Processes: IT Executives' Perceptions of ITIL and CobIT*

Research Supervisor of cotutelle candidate Dr. Ilya Nastjuk Macquarie Business School
Jointly supervised with Prof. Dr. Maria Lutz (Göttingen)
Year of completion 2018, thesis title *The Impact of Information Systems on Stress and Behavioral Outcomes*

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Cotutelle candidate jointly supervised by Prof. Thomas Kneib (Göttingen) and Prof. Gillian Heller (Macquarie)
Year of completion 2021, thesis title *The visualization, unbiased estimation and interpretation of distributional regression models*

Prof. Dr. Thomas Kneib, Dean of Research for the Faculty of Business and Economic Sciences

Supervisor of cotutelle candidate Dr. Stanislaus Stadlmann

Macquarie at a glance



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311 acres
- 184,000 alumni in more than
140 countries
- More than 300 leading
companies located on or around
the campus

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- Graduate School of the Humanities
- Göttingen Graduate School of Forest and Agricultural Sciences

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