

JOINT PHD PROGRAMME

MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY (MQ)
UNIVERSITY OF TWENTE (UT)
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WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

THIS DOCUMENT SERVES TO GIVE A BRIEF OUTLINE OF THE JOINT PHD PROGRAMME BETWEEN MQ AND UT.

As different terms are used for similar aspects, a terminology table can be found below. PhD candidates have a home university (where the candidate starts) and a host university (where a candidate spends approximately 50% of his/her time). The process of entering the joint PhD program usually starts by an academic at either of the two universities identifying a student that potentially could do a PhD within the scope of this program.

What is the timeline? A joint PhD trajectory runs for any duration between 2 and 4 years (depending on individual arrangements).

Who's involved? PhD candidates have academics at both universities that supervise the research. Multiple academics can be involved. The final defense allows an official role for three supervisors in total. The candidate will be supervised by at least one supervisor from each of the universities.

Before the start? When an academic at either of the universities identifies a new possible candidate, the negotiations on the content and the supervision can start. The supervisors have to submit the completed 'Joint Doctoral Supervision Programme Agreement' to their graduate schools for signing. The document should ideally be signed at the start of the candidature, but ultimately at the 'qualifier' moment, 9 months after the start (see terminology below).

During the candidature? In the two to four years to follow, the candidate spends approximately 50% of the time with a minimum of 12 months at the host university. Candidates are registered PhD candidates at both partners for the entire duration of the joint PhD programme. The candidate has to complete a number of mandatory and free-choice courses. Each candidate will have a 'Training and Supervision Plan' and yearly progress meetings in which the progress of the candidate is addressed with academics at both ends. The courses and the progress reports will be submitted to the PhD tracking system at both universities.

Upon completion? The final result of the joint PhD trajectory is a thesis/dissertation. This piece of work, once approved at both ends, will be defended by the candidate during the defense that

always takes place at the UT. UT funds the travel of the candidate (home at MQ) as well as for the MQ supervisor. The candidate will receive a degree containing the names and badges of both institutions.

Finances for PhD students? PhD candidates usually have funding for the study period (e.g. an employment at UT). Tuition fees for the stay at the host university are waived. Furthermore various (EU) grants can be used to facilitate the program; Horizon 2020's project budget as well as ERC grants have been used in the past.

What is in it for universities? Scientific and networking opportunities as well as financial compensation upon completion of a PhD trajectory.

TERMINOLOGY:

GENERAL SUBJECT	MQ TERMINOLOGY	UT TERMINOLOGY
Graduate School	HDRO: Higher Degree Research Office	TGS: Twente Graduate School.
System used to track progress	Student One	Hora Finita
Credit system used at the universities	A full-time candidate is expected to commit on average a minimum of 40 hours per week to their research study program.	Courses in ECTS credits; 30 for entire PhD phase; 1 credit equals 28 hours of education incl. preparation and self-study.
Mandatory components in the tracking of progress	Milestone requirements and Annual Progress Report	Qualifier (1st year) and subsequent Annual Interviews
Supervisory system	Supervisor	Promotor
Final academic work that completes the trajectory	Thesis	Dissertation

Where can I find more information? Details about the arrangements are in the MQ-UT *Agreement on Joint Doctoral supervision*, including the 'Joint PhD Supervision Programme Template Agreement'. The document can be obtained for consultation at the graduate schools at both universities.

Contact?

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Marcelle Lock (UT based): "The joint PhD has given me the opportunity to experience academia in different cultures, and broaden my network as well as my horizon."

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