Joint (PhD) Degrees

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<td>Acceptable for PhD*</td>
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*at University of Melbourne
‘Vanilla’ advantages:

- international ‘curriculum’, defined in partnership by 2 universities
- access to high-quality institutions in two different countries
- different and complementary education approaches: different pedagogy, analytical skills, and problem solving approaches
- international qualification recognition and leveragable employment asset
- valuable cultural, linguistic and personal experience
- Helps develop ‘global researchers’

Specific advantages:

- access to research infrastructure and expertise
- 30-100% impact measured by higher citation rate
- validation across different environments (genetics, geography…)
Our approach (based on 30+ individual arrangements)

- small steps
- start by demonstrating research collaboration (e.g. joint papers)

- start with co-supervision (candidate enrolls in one place, visits other)

- High level discussions about joint degree framework
  - Due diligence on institution
  - Basic training rules and alignment?
  - Who pays?

- MOU + individual agreements for each candidate (templated)
  - MOU countrywide (France), system, or usually University-specific
  - spells out travel, supervision, stipend, fees, IP, ethics, disputes....
Where does it work?

Where a joint PhD works

• Where training systems are well aligned
• Timing similar, content similar (e.g. UK/France and Australia)
• Good candidates, good leverage of expertise, equipment etc.

Where it doesn’t

• Systems very different (inc. funding, teaching, timing)
• Where supervisors have no history
• Where the candidate is weak
• Where accreditation hurdles are high (e.g. previously China)

No joint PhDs between Melbourne and any US institution
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