

DUAL AWARD AND HIGHER DEGREE RESEARCH INDIVIDUAL CANDIDATURE AGREEMENT

Dated 24 March 2017

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| **BETWEEN** | **WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY**(“**Western Sydney University**”) |
| **AND** | (“”)(collectively, “**Institutions**”) |
| **AND** | (“**Candidate**”) |

# Preamble

## Background

### The institutions have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to allow Candidates to undertake dual awards and joint higher degrees in fields of research where the institutions have common, strategic research goals.

### This Agreement sets out specific arrangements as between the institutions and the Candidate. Both Institutions and the Candidate are bound by the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

# Academic details

## Admission

### The Candidate must satisfy all usual entry and admission requirements or criteria of both Institutions.

### The Candidate’s confirmation of candidature must be approved by both Institutions.

## Enrolment

### The Candidate will be enrolled at both institutions in the following degrees (“**Program**”):

#### At Western Sydney University, ;

#### At , ;

### For the purposes of this Agreement, the Home Institution of the Candidate is and the Partner Institution is .

### The faculties or schools in which the Candidate will be enrolled at each Institution are:

#### At Western Sydney University,;

#### At , ;

### The Candidate is subject to the usual policies, regulations and/or rules of both institutions with respect to the Candidate’s admission, enrolment and academic progression.

### The Candidate’s date of enrolment is .

### The maximum duration of candidature in both degrees is years, calculated from the date of enrolment. This maximum duration can only be extended in exceptional cases, after a favourable opinion given by both institutions and on the recommendation of both supervisors. Any application for extension must be lodged no later than six (6) months before the due date for lodgement of the thesis.

### Subject to (d) above, the estimated length of the Candidate’s enrolment in both degrees is years.

## Allocation of time between Institutions

### The period of work that the Candidate is required to complete in each Institution is as follows:

### The Candidate will bear load at only one Institution at any one time and, during that period, maintain a zero credit point load at the other Institution.

### The final determination of load and percentage of the completion reported by each Institution will be calculated according to the proportion of active enrolment in each institution for the period of joint candidature.

## Supervision

### The supervisors assigned to jointly supervise and assess the Candidate’s work in progress are:

#### At Western Sydney University, ;

#### At , ;

### In addition to the two supervisors nominated above, each Institution will also nominate an associate supervisor:

#### At Western Sydney University, ;

#### At , ;

### If a supervisor is unable to continue in that role, or leaves the Institution, the relevant Institution will make alternative supervision arrangements in a timely manner.

### The Candidate and supervisors will consult regularly (in person, via email, by telephone/conferencing, etc.) on the progress of the Candidate’s research. Both supervisors will be present at significant events in the progress of candidature. The Candidate and supervisors will make every effort to meet face-to-face at conferences or at the institutions during the period of candidature.

## Thesis and other assessment details

### The thesis topic is

### The thesis shall be submitted as one thesis according to the rules and regulations of the Home Institution.

### The language of the thesis is English.

## Examination

### The examination process will be managed according to the policies and processes of the Home Institution. The recommendation on the award of the degree at each Institution will be based on readers’ reports and the report of any oral examination

### Each award will include certification stating that the award was made as a consequence of a conjoint arrangement between both institutions.

## Conferral of award

### If successful, the Candidate will be awarded a single degree issued jointly by both Institutions to be evidenced by a testamur from each Institution.

### Each testamur will contain an acknowledgement that it has been issued as a single degree under a joint program between the two Institutions.

## Withdrawal from candidature

### The Candidate may withdraw from his or her degree program at an Institution at any time before submission of thesis.

### The Candidate may, subject to the agreement of the relevant Institution, retain candidature with the other Institution, but must relinquish his or her candidature with the other Institution for the remainder of his or her enrolment.

## Suspension or termination of candidature

### If a Candidate’s enrolment at one Institution is suspended or terminated for any reason, then his or her enrolment at the other Institution is suspended or terminates automatically, unless the other Institution agrees otherwise.

### An Institution must notify the other Institution of any suspension or termination of the Candidate’s enrolment.

# Governance and administrative details

## Financial and other costs

### The Candidate’s tuition fees are payable as follows:

### Details of any stipends or scholarships paid or payable to the Candidate are as follows:

### Details of other funding arrangements or support are as follows:

#### Details of the Candidate

### The Candidate is responsible for the following costs:

#### transport to and from the Partner Institution (including air fares);

#### accommodation and other living expenses;

#### textbooks, clothing and other personal expenses;

#### any student services or amenities fees or contributions payable to either Institution;

#### all costs and other expenses incurred by the Candidate during the course of his or her enrolment with either Institution.

### Details of the Candidate’s health cover requirements (if the Candidate is an overseas student) are as follows:

#### In Australia, the Overseas Student Health Cover;

#### In ,

## Ethics clearances

### The Candidate must not commence any research work requiring ethics approval unless and until ethics clearance has been given in accordance with the requirements of both institutions.

### The Candidate is responsible for applying for any ethics clearances and must comply with any conditions of ethics clearances.

## Intellectual property rights

### The Candidate owns copyright in his or her thesis.

### The Institutions acknowledge that unless the Candidate otherwise assigns or licences his or her intellectual property rights in writing, the Candidate owns any intellectual property rights he or she generates of his or her own.

### If, as a condition of funding by any third party of the Candidate’s research, that third party requires the Candidate to assign or licence any intellectual property rights, then both institutions and the Candidate must negotiate a separate agreement with that third party. Any such matters shall be managed in accordance with the policy of the Home Institution relating to intellectual property rights.

### Issues related to authorship and publication shall follow the protocols of the Candidate’s Home Institution, although the Candidate is required to indicate his or her affiliation with both institutions in respect of any published works.

## Application of policies, rules and regulations

### The Candidate is subject to and must comply with all statutes, rules, regulations, policies and other requirements of both Institutions, including those relating to enrolment, academic progression, leave of absence, assessment and accepted standards of academic and other conduct.

### The Candidate is also required to undertake any review processes specified by either Institution.

### Grievance and appeal, termination of candidature or academic misconduct processes will be managed in accordance with the Home Institution’s processes. Any non-academic misconduct will be managed in accordance with the processes of the Institution at which that misconduct is alleged to have occurred, but that Institution must notify the other Institution.

## Exchange of information about candidate

### The Institutions agree to exchange all relevant information and reports concerning the Candidate’s candidature.

### The Candidate expressly consents and grants permission to each Institution to exchange such information and reports for the duration of his or her candidature.

**SIGNATURE PAGE**

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