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Cotutelle for Postgraduate Studies

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Cotutelle Doctoral Program (France/Australia)

- Cotutelle program is a French national initiative.
- A big majority of French universities have already been involved in a Cotutelle with other countries.
- Over 1500 students have already been involved in a Cotutelle with a French University throughout the world.

Cotutelle

- is not a process for recruiting international students
- is a device for strengthening and developing existing international research collaboration through facilitating the mobility of PhD students.

<http://www.ambafrance-au.org/Background-Information>



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Definition:

Cotutelle students have their doctoral studies not only **supervised jointly** by academics from an Australian University and a French University, but if successful, the student will be **awarded a joint or double-badged doctoral degree by the two institutions**, stating that the award was made as a consequence of a Cotutelle agreement with the partner institution.



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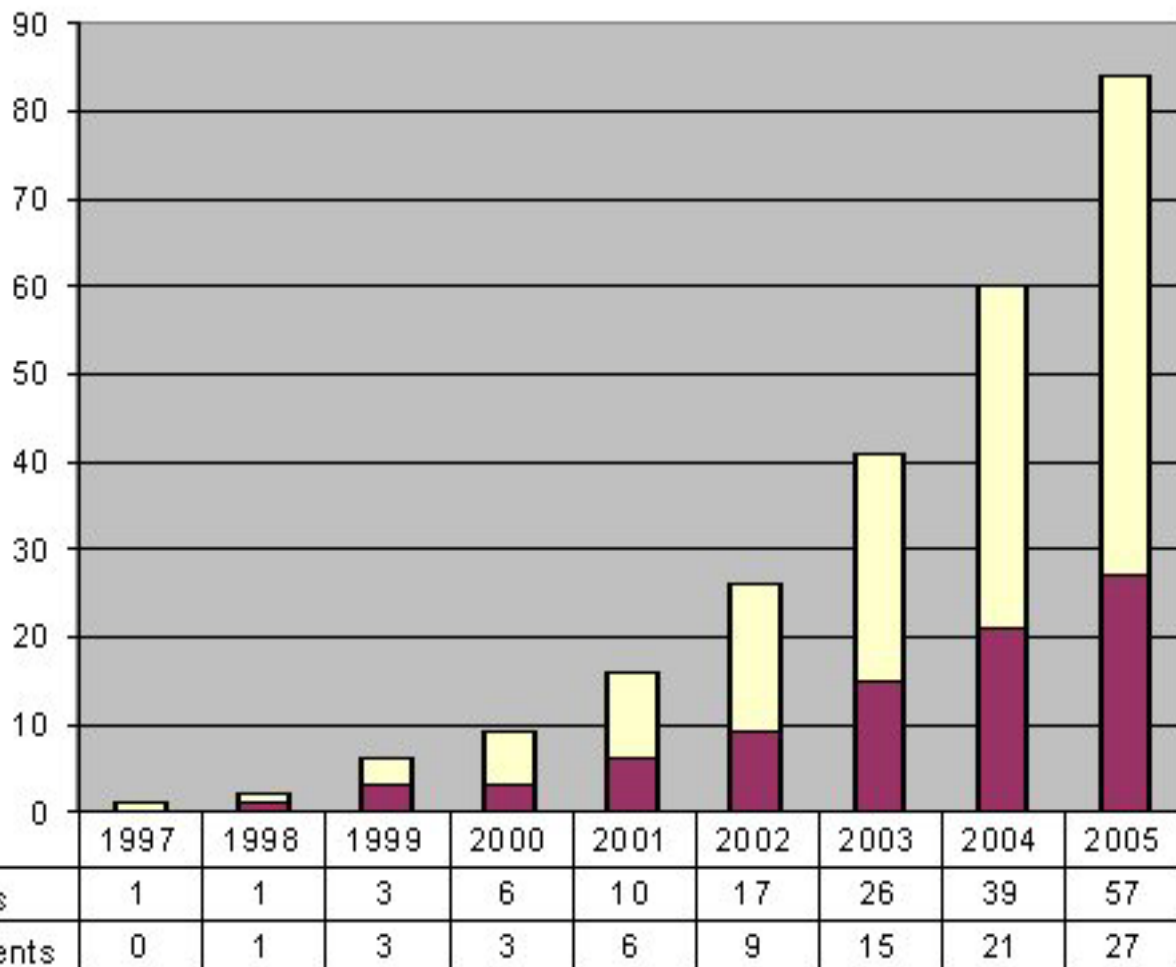
- Cotutelle is possible in all **French universities**, under French national regulations, with any foreign country.
- Cotutelle is at present possible in many **Australian universities**, each university having its own regulations. Some universities have accepted the principle of Cotutelle with all foreign countries but other only with France.





Between France and Australia, since 2000, over 109 Cotutelle PhDs have been completed or are currently underway. Of these 109 students, 67% are French students, and only 33% are Australian.

Number of Cotutelles under way





Supervision:

Cotutelle students are enrolled in both institutions involved and undertake their studies under the control and the responsibility of a supervisor in either country.

Agreement:

Each Cotutelle project takes place under a reciprocal agreement "Cotutelle Convention" binding the two institutions involved. This convention recognizes the validity of the studies undertaken within the framework.

Tuition fees:

In the frame of Cotutelle, the PhD student is exempted from paying registration fees at one institution - Typically, he/she pays fees only to his/her home institution.





Duration:

PhD in Cotutelle is a normal PhD (normally 3 years) with time shared between the 2 countries - Typically at least one year is spent in each country (in one or several stays)

Examination:

The PhD study should be defended or submitted only once in accordance to what the two institutions have agreed upon in the "Cotutelle Convention" - Requirements from both universities are usually added, with adapted rules about the use of language.

Award:

a joint or double-degree to the student, if successful.





For the research teams and universities involved:

- To increase, structure and highlight international scientific cooperation between France (Europe) and Australia
- To better train and benefit from highly skilled students
- To access new funding sources specific to cotutelle
- To expand international relationships in Higher Education

For the Cotutelle student:

- To get an early experience of international research
- To be exposed to different cultural and scientific environment
- To create personal links, at early stage of their career, to pursue scientific research opportunities between two countries
- To obtain, *if successful*, a double doctoral degree, recognized in Australia and Europe



French Universities: have to apply the national regulation on Cotutelle and examination for doctoral degrees.

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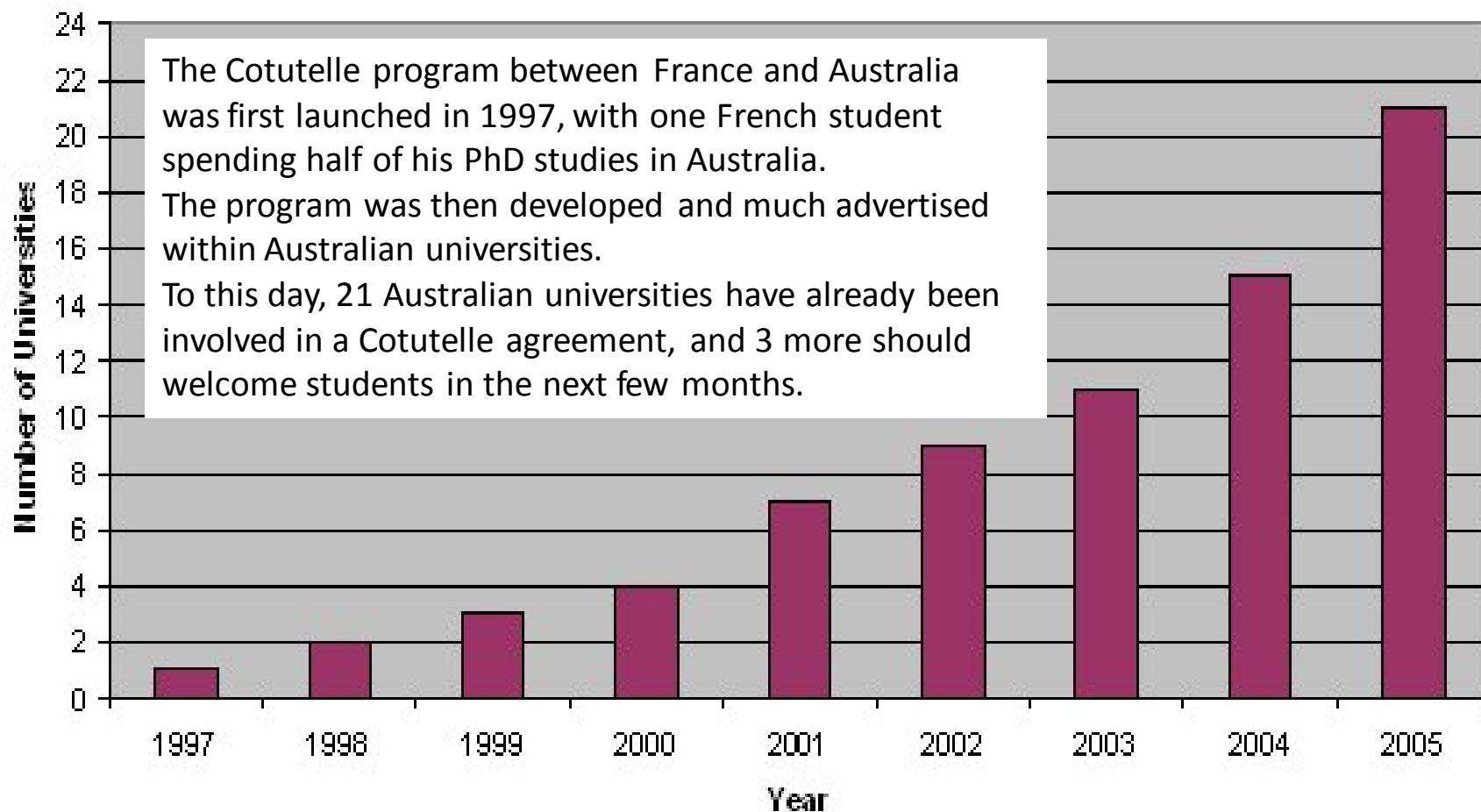
Australian Universities:

In Australia, the PhD degree is usually awarded after examination by 3 academics (excluding the supervisor) based on a written report and no oral presentation is normally required. The final decision is taken by a committee of the University. However, the Australian Universities are free to define their own requirements to award their degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Consequently, Australian rules for a Cotutelle PhD can be agreed on a case by case basis.

Australian Government (Department of Education, Science and Training - DEST)



Number of Australian Universities having already enrolled a Cotutelle student (cumulative absolute frequency)





III. Participating Australian Universities

List of participating Australian Universities (on December 5th, 2005). In 2007, there are around 120

Students involved in a cotutelle agreement.

| State | Name | Number of Cotutelles with France |
|-------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | | PhD Completed/Cotutelle under way* |
| ACT | Australian National University (ANU) | 4/8 |
| NSW | Charles Sturt University (CSU) | 0/1 |
| NSW | Macquarie University (MQ) | 6/2 |
| NSW | University of Newcastle (Newcastle) | 0/1 |
| NSW | University of New South Wales (UNSW) | 4/8 |
| NSW | University of Wollongong (UOW) | 0/1 |
| NSW | University of Sydney (USYD) | 11/11 |
| NSW | University of Technology in Sydney (UTS) | 2/3 |
| QLD | Griffith University (GU) | 0/1 |
| QLD | James Cook University (JCU) | 1/5 |
| QLD | Queensland University of Technology (QUT) | 1/1 |
| QLD | University of Queensland (UQ) | 2/10 |
| SA | University of Southern Australia (UNISA) | 0/1 |
| TAS | University of Tasmania (UTAS) | 0/1 |
| VIC | Monash University (Monash) | 2/5 |
| VIC | Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) | 1/0 |
| VIC | Swinburne University (Swinburne) | 0/1 |
| VIC | University of Melbourne (Unimelb) | 0/8 |
| WA | Curtin University of Technology (CUT) | 0/1 |
| WA | Edith Cowan University (ECU) | 0/2 |
| WA | Univ. Of Western Australia (UWA) | 2/2 |
| TOTAL | | 36/73 |



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DOCTORAL DISSERTATION UNDER INTERNATIONAL JOINT- SUPERVISION

CONVENTION DE COTUTELLE INTERNATIONALE DE THESE

BETWEEN

The *Université de Bourgogne*, represented by Ms. Sophie BEJEAN, its President,

AND

The Mahidol University, represented by Mr. Piyasakol SAKOLSATAYADORN, President.



The *Université de Bourgogne* and the contracting institution shall enrol Mr./Mrs/Ms. Netiya KARAKET for the preparation of a doctoral dissertation under the joint-supervision of both signatory institutions.

The full title of the doctoral dissertation is the following:

**Chemotypic Variations of Terpenoid compounds in *Artemisia annua* L.
Affected by Chemical Elicitors.**



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CONVENTION de Cotutelle

Arrêté du 6 janvier 2005 relatif à la cotutelle internationale de thèse

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Entre

L'UNIVERSITE DE STRASBOURG (France)

représentée par son Président, le Professeur Alain BERETZ

et

L'UNIVERSITE MAHIDOL (Bangkok, Thaïlande)

représentée par son Président, le Professeur Udom KACHINTORN



Regarding the joint supervised thesis of *Mr./Ms.*.....

Title of the thesis: “.....”

TITLE I: ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

ARTICLE 1: REGISTRATION

Mr. will be registered for the preparation of a joint supervision thesis, starting from the **academic year 2015-2016**, for a duration of 2 years, with possibility of continuation by amendment.

The research period will be divided between both institutions as following: 12 months for one year at the University of Strasbourg and 12 months at Mahidol University, where *Mr.* started his Ph.D. in 2012.

ARTICLE 2: REGISTRATION FEES

Mr. will be registered at both institutions. He will pay his registration fees in 2015-2016 at the University of Strasbourg and in 2016-2017 at Mahidol University.

ARTICLE 3: HEALTH/MEDICAL INSURANCE-ACCOMODATION-FINANCIAL AID





ARTICLE 4: PREPARATION OF THE THESIS.

The thesis supervisors are:

ARTICLE 5: DEFENCE CONDITIONS.

The jury: Will be equally composed of scientific members from both countries, including the thesis supervisors, and scientific personalities exterior to both institutions. The maximum number of jury members is eight.

The thesis title:

Defense location:

Language of the written dissertation: English

Language of the oral presentation: English

[A summary in French](#) of a volume of 10% of the manuscript must be included.

Whatever is the place of defense, the University of Strasbourg, as well as Mahidol University, will undertake, in accordance with established procedures, the refund of expenses of stay and the taking care of expenses of displacement.

The diploma: Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Neurosciences and Physiology)

Based on the report of the sole Ph.D. defense, both Universities undertake to simultaneously award a Ph.D. doctor's diploma from each university. At either university, the diploma must mention the international joint supervision with the names of the two Universities.

The student agrees to respect the regulations in force in both countries in respect to intellectual property and copyright, protection of subject of the thesis and, in certain cases, the legislation regarding industrial property, patents, licenses, etc.





Appendix G - Standard Memorandum of Agreement for a Collaborative Research Program



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UTS CRICOS PROVIDER CODE: 00099F

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
FOR A COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH PROGRAM
(Incorporating a Cotutelle Doctoral Degree)**

BETWEEN

THE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, SYDNEY

AND

MAHIDOL UNIVERSITY



1. TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT
2. NUMBERS OF PARTICIPANTS
3. SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS
4. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES OF EACH INSTITUTION
 - i. Responsibilities of UTS:
 - ii. Responsibilities of Mahidol University :
 - iii. Student responsibilities:
5. RENEWAL, TERMINATION AND AMENDMENT





SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS



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- (i) The Cotutelle Doctoral Degree program will be open to eligible applicants or candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy at UTS and Mahidol University. Participation will be dependent upon the availability of appropriate supervision, resources and facilities at both institutions, and the extent to which the conditions and regulations governing the PhD program of the respective institutions are compatible.
- (ii) Each institution will recommend its applicants for admission to the program. Each institution will reserve the right to make final judgements on the admissibility of each candidate nominated for entry into the PhD program.





SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS (continue)

(iii) The following guidelines shall apply:



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- a. Candidates must satisfy all admission requirements, including any language proficiency requirements specified by either institution as set out in the Cotutelle Agreement.
- b. Upon completion of a period of study at a partner institution, candidates must return to the home institution. Any extension of stay must be approved by both institutions.
- c. Candidates must abide by all rules and regulations pertaining to their degree program as set out in the Cotutelle Agreement. Candidates must also abide by any other statutes, rules and regulations that apply to enrolled candidates at an institution while at that institution. They will also have the rights and privileges enjoyed by other students at the host institution.





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COTUTELLE DOCTORAL PROGRAM AGREEMENT

Date: Day / Month / 2011

Parties: University of Technology, Sydney, a body politic and corporate, established under the University of Technology, Sydney Act 1988/1990, an act of the State Parliament of New South Wales, of Broadway 2007 Australia, represented by the Dean of the University Graduate School, Professor Nicky Solomon. ("UTS")
Mahidol University represented by the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Professor Banchong Mahaisavariya ("MU") prompted by the common desire of developing scientific cooperation through the mobility of doctoral students,

Recitals:

A. Miss Suranan Anantachaisilp wishes to conduct her doctoral research with Mahidol University under a Cotutelle program which seeks to enhance co-operation and collaboration between the researchers and institutions involved.



Recitals:

- A.** (**Name of Candidate**) wishes to conduct her doctoral research with Mahidol University under a Cotutelle program which seeks to enhance co-operation and collaboration between the researchers and institutions involved.
- B.** The doctoral research will be conducted:
- in accordance with the Doctoral Regulations of Mahidol University and
 - in accordance with the Doctoral Regulations of UTS.
- C.** The purpose of this Agreement is to clarify the arrangements agreed upon by both parties.

OPERATIVE PROVISIONS

1. Enrolment in Cotutelle Doctoral Program

..... (**Name of Candidate**) has been admitted to the program at UTS in accordance with the University's Doctoral Regulations, commencing in the academic year of

2. Project title

The provisional project title is “.....”.



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OPERATIVE PROVISIONS



1. Enrolment in Cotutelle Doctoral Program

2. Project title

3. Provisional duration of research work

The provisional duration of the research program is three (3) years. An extension of this time will be allowed if both Universities agree on this point after suggestions made by both co-supervisors. The research work will be undertaken under co-supervision.

Alternate periods of research will take place at UTS and MU. The schedule and length of these stays will depend upon the advances and evolution of the research, but in any case at least one (1) year of the candidature will be pursued in each of the institutions.

4. University where student pays enrolment fees

5. Health Insurance and Student Visa while in Australia





OPERATIVE PROVISIONS

6. Accommodation and income

7. Supervision

8. General Conditions of Candidature

- eligibility for admission
- development of research proposal
- confirmation of candidature
- ongoing formal assessment of progress
- ethics approval
- risk assessment protocols
- variations to candidature
- grievance and appeal procedures
- termination and discipline/research misconduct procedures



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OPERATIVE PROVISIONS



9. Examination

In cases of programs conducted between UTS and a Thai institution, the examination will be conducted under the following principles:

- a. The oral defense examination will take place in Bangkok, Thailand. The financial aspects of the meeting of the jury's members for this examination will respect guidelines fixed in the financial annex added to this convention.
- b. Members of the examination board will be chosen from both partner universities with an equal number of academics from both countries.
- c. The thesis shall be examined within four months after submission by at least two independent external examiners who shall submit a written assessment of the thesis.
- d. The oral defence examination board will have minimum membership of four, including the student's co-supervisors
- e. The thesis will be written and defended in **English**. It will be summarised in **Thai and English** and a short presentation of the thesis will also be executed in **English** while defended.



OPERATIVE PROVISIONS



9. Examination (continue)

- f. The thesis will be written and defended in English. It will be summarized in Thai and English and a short presentation of the thesis will also be executed in English while defended.
- g. Authorization to examine the thesis will be granted according to the Doctoral Regulations at both universities as described above.
- h. UTS and MU will award the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) and Thai Doctorate if the examining board recommendation is favourable and according to the usual procedures in each of the two countries. Each one of the awards will mention the collaboration in cotutelle between the two Universities in the respective transcripts.





OPERATIVE PROVISIONS



10. Publication of thesis

At UTS, the procedures for depositing and publishing theses are regulated by the University Graduate School. At Mahidol University, the procedures for depositing and publishing theses are regulated by the Faculties of Graduate Studies and Science. The thesis will be deposited at both universities.

10. Intellectual Property

At Mahidol University, (name of candidate) will transfer the copyright to Mahidol University. Ownership of rights in any intellectual property arising from the research program will be owned by (name of candidate), UTS and Mahidol University in accord with applicable Intellectual Property policies of both universities. The results obtained in the course of (name of candidate)'s program do not allow for registration of a patent or commercial exploitation by one university without written permission given by the other. As far as it is possible, eventual patents must be registered jointly. Intellectual Property Rights relative to the results obtained during the common research programs mentioned in this agreement or its annexes will be protected according to the laws in force in each country.



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facilitating the mobility of students





Q: Where do I have to pay the tuition fees?

♥ If you undertake a PhD research project in one of the Australian Universities and decide to set up a Cotutelle with a French University, the tuition fees will be waived while you're studying in France.

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Typically, in the frame of Cotutelle, the PhD student pays fees only at his home institution. However, if there is an imbalance of students between the two institutions, fees may be asked.





Q: What kind of visa do I have to apply?

Taking in account that you are enrolled as a PhD student in the two universities, the applicant are eligible to apply to a student visa for the period of the PhD in the host country.

Q: Is there a minimum time the PhD student must spend in each country?

There is no legal minimum time required by the French Government, but at least a year in each country (in one or several stays) is recommended.





Q: How frequently can I travel between the two countries?

There is no restrictions other than financially. Travelling between France and Australia is very costly. Generally, PhD students stay for 6 months to one year continuously at least in each country to minimize the accommodation and travel's extra cost related to the PhD in Cotutelle.

Q: Is PhD in Cotutelle longer than a normal PhD?

No. PhD in Cotutelle is a normal PhD (typically 3 years).





Q: Is a Cotutelle grant a PhD Scholarship?

No. The Cotutelle funding is not a PhD Scholarship funding and will not cover the costs of the 3 years of postgraduate studies. This is an additional funding to any existing PhD Scholarship.

Support for Cotutelle is entirely independent from the PhD scholarship granted to the student at the end of his Master degree, which is a DEA in France or a Master in Australia.





Q: Can we established Cotutelle agreement with other universities except in France and Australia?

Yes, for example

- Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), Norway
- University of Kent, UK
- Charles University, the Czech Republic
- The German Rectors' Conference /*Hochschulrektorenkonferenz* (HRK)
- Queen's University, Canada
- Carleton University, Canada





List of cotutelle agreements

List of cotutelle agreements signed at institution level

- [2012](#)
- [2011](#)
- [2010](#)
- [2009](#)
- [2008](#)
- [2007](#)
- [2006](#)

Funding options

Charles University supports cotutelle with grants from its [Mobility Fund](#); another option is to apply for support from either your home faculty or the partner university. You can also benefit from the offers of various foundations, grant agencies or other institutions supporting student mobility.

If you wish to work on your jointly supervised PhD thesis at a French university, you can apply for one of the scholarships offered by the French government, which provides financial support to such activities. For more information see <http://www.ifp.cz/-Bourses-stages-et-concours->



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Thank you





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What is a cotutelle agreement?

Cotutelle is an agreement on joint supervision on the doctoral degree level. The programme originated in France, hence the term cotutelle (as in co-tutoring). Such agreements can be entered into between the two cooperating institutions, the PhD candidate and the candidate's supervisors. The cotutelle agreement regulates enrolment, supervision and the evaluation of the candidate's doctoral degree dissertation. A cotutelle agreement must always be entered into on the individual level, but institutional agreements can also be made on cotutelle cooperation. The candidate receives a diploma from each of the institutions. The terms Joint PhD or Joint Doctorate are used and defined somewhat differently from country to country.

