

JOINTLY AWARDED & DUAL AWARDED DOCTORAL DEGREES SUPERVISORS INFORMATION SHEET

This information sheet sets out specific expectations for University of Newcastle members of a Jointly Awarded Doctoral Degree (JADD) or Dual Award Doctoral Degree (DADD) candidate's supervisory team. These are in addition to the University's minimum responsibilities upon HDR supervisors, as defined in the [Code of Practice for Higher Degree by Research Candidature Policy](#).

[Joint and Dual Award Programs](#) enable PhD candidates to complete their degree jointly at the University of Newcastle and an international partner institution and receive recognition for such on their degree testamur(s). Per the [Jointly Awarded Doctoral Degrees and Dual Award Doctoral Degrees Policy](#), at least one supervisor from each institution will be appointed.

They provide candidates with international and cultural experiences, exposure to different academic environments, and access to international supervisors, equipment and facilities, international networking opportunities, and enhanced future employment opportunities. For universities and researchers, they can establish and enhance international research collaborations, provide opportunities for joint publications, provide access to new funding schemes.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

An overarching principle of Joint and Dual Award Programs between the University of Newcastle and partner universities is that these are not double degree programs. Rather, they are fully-integrated, collaborative programs that support a coherent experience for our candidates. Each candidate will therefore undertake a single examination process and all documentation related to the award will state that it is a single PhD, whether awarded as a JADD or DADD.

Commensurately, the supervision of each candidate should be a collaborative approach by all members of the supervisory team throughout candidature, regardless of the location of the candidate in order to align with the joint or dual nature of the program, as well as to maximise the opportunities for research collaborations afforded in these partnerships.

Delivering on this expectation across national boundaries, cultures and institutions arguably requires extra dedication and commitment on the part of all supervisors than would otherwise be the case on behalf of University of Newcastle-only enrolled candidates. It is likely to involve greater coordination and collaboration with

supervisor(s) at the partner institution and further responsibility to act on behalf of the University of Newcastle. For instance, as the University of Newcastle supervisor, you are expected to review the final draft of the thesis prior to submission, even if the partner university supervisor also conducts a review.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR JADD/DADD CANDIDATE SUPERVISION

1. Candidate Agreement

The Candidate Agreement should be signed before commencement at the University of Newcastle and must be signed within **three months** of commencement of candidature at the partner institution. It will contain agreed requirements of the University of Newcastle and partner university supervisors. These are likely to include holding **regular meetings with the candidate** to discuss the research and the writing of the thesis. Note that these meetings are expected to take place regardless of which university the candidate is located at any one time. Please see the [Meeting with students](#) webpage for good practice guidelines.

Additionally, there is likely to be a requirement to hold **regular meetings of the supervisory team** to discuss the progress of the candidate. Ideally, and if resources allow, these would include occasional face-to-face visits.

The Candidate Agreement is also likely to require the supervisors to consult and agree on **protocols for data access and storage** during the course of the research, and take into account when establishing any protocol each party's data access and storage policies and procedures.

Please check the approved Candidate Agreement for requirements specific to your candidate. Supervisors should be aware of the study periods at the University of Newcastle and the partner university and ensuring candidate's meet the minimum requirement of 12 months at each institution. Indeed, it is the supervisor's responsibility to be aware of all conditions attached to candidature, and to support adherence to agreed academic arrangements, including in regards to Intellectual Property, Ethics Approvals, Data Access and Storage, Confirmation, Progress Reporting and the Thesis Examination process.

2. Setting Supervisory Expectations

All HDR candidates are required to complete a [Supervisory Expectations Form](#) in consultation with their University of Newcastle supervisors within the first six months of their candidature. For JADD and DADD candidates, this should be completed as soon as practically possible, and in consultation with all members of the supervisory team at both institutions.