

Agreement between

The Université Libre de Bruxelles

and

.....

for the joint supervision of doctoral studies
leading to the award of a joint/double doctoral degree.

BETWEEN

The **Université Libre de Bruxelles**, Member of the Académie universitaire Wallonie-Bruxelles,

Address :

50 avenue Roosevelt, CP 130
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Belgium

represented by its Rector, Professor Philippe Vincke

and the University **XXX**,

Address:

represented by its Rector, ...

Whereas,

The Université Libre de Bruxelles is bound by :

1. The Decree of the "Communauté française de Belgique" dated March 31st 2004, relative to the scheme of Higher Education Institutions, reinforcing their integration in the European Higher Education Area and refinancing the Universities;
2. The AUWB's (Académie universitaire Wallonie-Bruxelles) Outline Regulations establishing its internal Framework-Scheme relative to the general principles regulating the studies, reports, thesis and dissertations leading to the academic Degree of PhD, as approved by the Council of the Academy on the date of December 1st 2004.

The University of XXXX is bound by...

PREAMBLE

In furtherance of the common aim of stimulating scientific cooperation and promoting the mobility of researchers, this agreement sets out the framework for co-supervision of a doctoral thesis leading to the award of a joint/double doctoral degree.

All parties commit themselves to act in conformity with the two institutions' regulations and codes of practice covering doctoral awards.

SECTION 1 : ADMINISTRATIVE MODALITIES

Article 1

The joined supervision thesis is organized for the benefit of:

Mr/Mrs/Miss.....

Date of birth

Nationality

E-mail

referred to hereafter as the doctoral candidate.

Article 2

Enrolment of the doctoral student to the joined supervision thesis takes effect

Estimated duration of the research work is fixed atyears.

The viva voce examination is foreseen during the academic year(to be completed)

An extension of this period may be requested for exceptional reasons, upon favourable advice from both Institutions and from both thesis Directors. The request for extension should be submitted at least 6 months before the end of the thesis finalisation.

Article 3

The doctoral candidate is registered:

1. At the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB), a member of the Académie universitaire Wallonie-Bruxelles (AUWB)

for a doctoral degree in :

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On (date of registration):

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2. At the University of.....

for a doctoral degree in :

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On (date of registration) :

.....

Article 4

Throughout her / his doctoral studies, the doctoral candidate will be formally registered in the two institutions.

If the doctoral student has complied with (*the enrolment requirements of*) the rules for paying registration fees at the University of..... , he/she is exempted from the payment of the complete registration fees by the University ofwhere only enrolment fees and administration costs will be required.

For the year in which the candidate takes the viva voce examination in order to obtain a diploma delivered by the Communauté française de Belgique, he/she will have to pay the complete registration fees at the Université Libre de Bruxelles (and thus be exempted from the registration fees at the University of).

Article 5

The doctoral candidate must have social security cover and any insurance required by the relevant national legislations in the two institutions.

Social security cover and personal liability insurance for the doctoral student will be ensured under the following conditions:

- At the Université Libre de Bruxelles: the doctoral candidate is covered for personal liability and physical injury through his/her registration for a doctoral degree at the ULB; social security coverage is provided by

- At the University of
.....

The doctoral candidate must have personal insurance against any accident in the establishment where he/she undertakes research.

SECTION 2 : PEDAGOGICAL MODALITIES DURING THE STUDIES

Article 6

In each institution, the doctoral candidate carries out his/her work under the supervision and responsibility of a thesis director.

The candidate's doctoral studies will be pursued under the joint main supervision of:

- at the Université Libre de Bruxelles :
- at the University of

The directors undertake to act fully as supervisors to the doctoral student, and to ensure that this function is carried out within the conditions that apply in the respective institutions.

They will collaborate regularly over the progress of the doctoral candidate's research work.

The subject of the thesis is:

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.....

An outline of the thesis is annexed to the present agreement.

Article 7

The two universities recognize the validity of this agreement for joint supervision of doctoral studies as well as the validity of the doctoral dissertation presented.

Article 8

The doctoral candidate and the two supervisors will come to an agreement on how the doctoral candidate's working time is to be divided between the two institutions, taking into account the needs of the research and the circumstances of the doctoral candidate. The time spent for working on the thesis will be divided between the two universities, by alternate periods. The time spent in one Institution/ country will not be less than 30 % of the total duration of the studies.

A provisional schedule is annexed to the present agreement

For any modification to this schedule, the thesis directors must obtain the agreement of the two signatory institutions, providing at least one month of advance notice.

SECTION 3: MODALITIES FOR THE PRESENTATION OF THE DOCTORAL DISSERTATION

Article 9

The Jury will be composed on a parity basis by the participation of Professors from both Institutions, including the two thesis Directors, and in conformity with the regulations foreseen in both institutions. External scientific personalities may be invited to participate to the Jury.

Article 10

The doctoral dissertation will be written in xxx (language of the dissertation) and its summary in xxx . The dissertation will be held in(language of the viva voce presentation).

Article 11

The viva voce examination will take place at(name of the Institution)

However, the doctoral candidate will have to present his/her work at a public seminar in the other University before the viva voce examination.

Article 12

In conformity with the regulations in force within each institution and on the basis of a favourable report from the jury, the two institutions undertake to award a joint/double doctorate to the successful candidate

via a single common diploma / via two separate diplomas (*to be specified*).

The two Institutions undertake to award of joint/double degree of

Doctor in.....from the Université Libre de Bruxelles

and

Doctor in.....from the University of.....

The text of the awarded diploma(s) must specify that it is a doctoral diploma for studies under joint supervision between the two institutions.

The awarded diploma(s) will mention the partnership with the other institution and the joint supervision of the thesis.

Article 13

The candidate agrees to respect the regulations in force in each institution concerning the

registration and the reproduction of doctoral dissertations.

SECTION 4: SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Article 14

The publication, exploitation and protection of the subject of the thesis, and the results of the research are ensured by the two host institutions, as established in their relevant national legislation.

Article 15

Nothing in this agreement shall be taken to overrule national legislation, guidelines and frameworks or institutional regulations covering doctoral studies and the award of doctoral degrees. All parties commit themselves to act in conformity with the two institutions' regulations and codes of practice covering doctoral awards and to seek the resolution by mutual consent of any difficulties that might arise in the interpretation of those regulations.

Optionally, a separate agreement concerning the protection of intellectual property rights may be considered.

Article 16

The present agreement will take effect upon signature by the representatives of the two institutions and by the doctoral candidate. It will be valid until the end of the university calendar year during which the dissertation is presented.

The present agreement can be terminated on a motivated basis:

- on an annual basis
- by the mutual consent of both institutions
- by the doctoral candidate, in writing, giving a summary of the reasons for his/her decision
- by either institution on a motivated basis. However, in this case, the Institution agrees to host the doctoral candidate for the continuation of his/her doctoral thesis.

SECTION 5: FINAL PROVISIONS

Signed in 7 copies

For the Université Libre de Bruxelles
The Rector,
Professor Philippe VINCKE

For the
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For the Université Libre de Bruxelles

For the

Date :

Date :

The Dean of the Faculty of

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Professor.....

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Date :

Date :

The Director of the thesis

Director of the thesis

Professor.....

Professor

Date :

Date :

The doctoral (*student*) candidate

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Date :