

# Cotutelle Doctoral Degree Guidelines

(Guidelines based on literature, sector standards, and input from CDU stakeholders across faculties and schools)

## What is a Cotutelle?

A Cotutelle Doctoral Degree refers to a doctoral degree program that is undertaken jointly at Charles Darwin University (CDU) and another international higher education institution. A PhD student (domestic or international) is supervised jointly by academics from both institutions.

The candidature is divided between CDU and the partner institution, spending a minimum of 12 months at each university. Upon successful completion of a PhD students will also be awarded two parchments, one from each institution. CDU can either be the home institution (where the student spends the majority of their time) or the host institution.

## Eligibility

To be eligible for a cotutelle doctoral degree a student will need to be:

- Admitted to a doctoral degree at your home institution
- A full-time student
- Within the first year of your PhD
- Have the support of your home institution's principal supervisor, and
- Have identified a potential supervisor at the host institution

## Timeframes

Due to the detailed nature of cotutelle arrangements, it can take up to three months to develop an agreement and gain approval.

## Benefits of a Cotutelle PhD

### Benefits for Students

- Exposure to diverse international educational environments
- Increased professional networks
- Enhanced career opportunities
- Access to different infrastructure and research expertise

### **Benefits for Supervisors**

- Enhancing current research collaborations
- Developing broader research programmes
- Increasing professional networks
- Understanding innovative research perspectives extending the global impact of research