



Dual Awards and Joint Awards – Structural Differences

The conditions in the table below apply to all Dual Award and Joint Award degrees at Western Sydney University.

Exceptions to any of the conditions below may be considered by the Dean, Graduate Studies.

Condition	Dual Award	Joint Award
Institutional Framework Agreement	Participating institutions will enter into a formal agreement establishing the academic, resource and governance framework prior to offering any candidate admission into a program.	
Individual Candidature Agreement	Participating institutions will enter into a formal individual agreement with a nominated candidate that establishes the details of the candidature, including specific conditions relating to supervision, training, progression, resources, funding, codes of conduct, pattern of study, and compliance with risk management.	
Admission	Candidates must meet admission requirements at each participating institution.	
Eligibility	Existing candidates and prospective candidates can be considered.	
English language requirements	Candidates must meet English language requirements at each participating institution.	
Duration and structure	AQF Level 10 research-only degree of 3.5 to 4 years equivalent full-time study in duration.	
Enrolment	Must be enrolled in each Institution for the complete duration of the candidature.	Enrolled at each participating institution concurrently for the duration of the candidature, with a leave of absence applied from one institution while working at the collaborating institution.
Study mode	Full-time study must be maintained for the duration of the candidature.	

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Tuition fees	<p>If a scholarship is awarded by the participating institutions, a tuition fee waiver will be applied for the duration of the candidature.</p> <p>If a scholarship is awarded by one participating institution only, the tuition fee waiver will apply to the term of the scholarship only.</p> <p>If a scholarship is not awarded by any participating institution, tuition fees may be applied for the duration of the candidature.</p>	Tuition fees may be applied in line with the periods where the candidate is actively onshore with the participating institutions.
Scholarships	<p>Scholarships may be offered as per the point above and at the Western Sydney University current rate.</p> <p>Western Sydney University will provide the scholarship for the period the candidate is onshore in Australia.</p> <p>Candidature support funds may be provided in line with policy for periods where the candidate is onshore in Australia.</p> <p>The candidate is responsible for covering the full cost of their required Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) insurance policy.</p> <p>Other expenses such as travel for the candidate or supervisor may be negotiated as part of the Individual Candidature Agreement.</p>	<p>Scholarship are not available.</p> <p>Candidature support funds may be provided in line with policy for periods where the candidate is onshore in Australia.</p> <p>The candidate is responsible for covering the full cost of their required Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) insurance policy.</p> <p>Other expenses such as travel for the candidate or supervisor may be negotiated as part of the Individual Candidature Agreement.</p>
Candidature distribution	<p>Candidature is divided between the participating institutions, with a minimum of 30% of the time to be spent at each institution during the period of candidature.</p> <p>The candidate must spend a minimum total of 12 months onshore in Australia.</p>	

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Supervision	The candidate will have a Principal Supervisor and a Co-supervisor at Western Sydney University, and at least a Principal Supervisor at the partner institution(s).	
Confirmation of Candidature	A Confirmation of Candidature process must be completed before the end of the first 9 months of the candidature.	
Progression	A system of assessing and reporting on progress must be completed on at least an annual basis following the Confirmation of Candidature.	
Examination	<p>An examination process will be completed at each participating institution that meets the policy and legislative requirements of the participating institutions.</p> <p>Examination processes are to be determined by the participating institutions.</p> <p>As a minimum, candidates are required to submit a thesis for examination at each participating institution.</p> <p>If the thesis is written in a language other than English, a comprehensive abstract (less than 1,000-words) in English must be provided in addition to the thesis.</p> <p>Each participating institution will nominate examiners and complete the examination as per their usual process and to the appropriate standard for the award, including an oral defence if required.</p>	<p>A single examination process will be completed, usually under the requirements for the primary institution.</p> <p>Examination processes may be negotiated, adjusted or combined under the Individual Candidature Agreement to meet the requirements of the participating institutions.</p> <p>As a minimum, examinations must meet the international standards for the type of degree.</p> <p>If the examination is conducted by Western Sydney University, institutions will nominate one examiner each and agree on the appointment of a reserve.</p> <p>If the examination is conducted by the partner institution, Western Sydney University will nominate one examiner and endorse the outcome of the examination.</p>
Examination results (Fail)	In the event that an examination at one institution results in a fail, this will not preclude the other participating institution(s) from awarding the degree.	The degree cannot be awarded where the examination has resulted in a fail.

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Award	<p>The decision to award the degree is made independently by each participating institution.</p> <p>The participating institutions each confer the degree and issue a testamur.</p>	<p>A single award is conferred by the primary institution.</p>
Testamur	<p>The Western Sydney University testamur and the Australian Higher Education Graduation Statement (AHEGS) will state that the award is the result of a Dual Award agreement.</p>	<p>The testamur and the Australian Higher Education Graduate Statement (AHEGS) will state the award was made as a consequence of a Joint Award agreement and name the partner institution(s).</p>
Grievances and complaints	<p>Candidates and their supervisors are bound by the relevant Codes of Conduct at the institutions they are attending, and must have access to the usual grievance and complaint procedures at the participating institutions.</p> <p>The Individual Candidature Agreement may establish additional grievance and complaints resolution procedures.</p>	