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| **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FORM** **(Institutional Framework Agreement)** |

This form is to be completed by the Proposer in consultation with the Partner Institution for a new, renewed or amended agreements related to HDR Dual award or Joint research degree arrangements, and submitted to the Graduate Research School at least **6 months** prior to the expected commencement term of the HDR candidate. The information from this form will be used to draft **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** between WSU and Partner Institution.

Graduate Research School will prepare the MoU and obtain the required approvals. Upon final approval, the Graduate Research School will notify the Proposer.

For more information, visit the following links:

[Graduate Research School | Western Sydney University](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/schools/grs)

[Dual Award and Joint Research Higher Degree Policy](https://policies.westernsydney.edu.au/document/view.current.php?id=200)

[Doctorate Policy](https://policies.westernsydney.edu.au/document/view.current.php?id=17&version=13)

[Sustaining Success 2021-2026](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0005/1819895/OVCH_5133_Sustaining_Success_2021-2026-_Booklet_web_AC.pdf)

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| **1. Western Sydney University Proposer** |
| Name |  | Position |  |
| School/Institute |  |
| Email |  | Phone |  |
| **2.**  **Partner Institution contact details** |
| Institution name  |  |
| Address |  |
| City |  | Country |  |
| Highest Officer of the Organisation *(VC, DVC, CEO, Executive Director, etc.)* | Name |  |
| Title |  |
| Email |  |
| Type of agreement |  |
| Contact person for agreement negotiations |  | Position |  |
| School/Unit/Institute |  |
| Email of the contact person |  | Phone |  |
| Contact email (Research School) |  | Phone |  |
| Authorised signatory |  |
| Title of the signatory |  |
| **3. Indicate expected number of candidates commencing each year during the tenure of this MoU** (The tenure of MoU is 5 years from the date its signed). |
| Year 1  |  |
| Year 2 |  |
| Year 3 |  |
| Year 4 |  |
| Year 5 |  |
| **4.**   **Partner Institution profile** *(Include their research ranking).* |
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| **5.**  **List other universities, including Australian universities that the Partner Institution currently works with.**  |
| Australian Universities | Other Universities |
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|  **6. List strategic alignment to Western Sydney University** *(Refer to Sustaining Success 2021-2026).* **What are the specific benefits to the research focus of the School/Institute?** **What tangible and long-term benefits will this partnership bring to WSU?** |
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| **7. Is there an established connection or agreement or researcher-to-researcher link with this Partner Institution? If yes*,* provide details.**  |
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|  **8. Details of this agreement** *(Outline the negotiated details of this partnership arrangement, including arrangements for scholarship funding, stipend, tuition fee waiver, source of funds and candidature support fund).* |
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|  **9. Proposed pattern of residency at each institution**\* (Please mark with X). |
| 18 months at each institution |  |
| 12 months at each institution |  |
| Other arrangements *(if any)* |  |
| *\*Must be a minimum of 12 months at each institution* |
|  **10. List the proposed arrangements for the Higher Degree Research examination and thesis submission at both institutions under this MoU?**  |
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|  **11. Are there any considerations around:**  **- IP**  **- Privacy**  **- Exchange of information**  **- Ethics**  **- Conferral of the award**  |
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| **12. What legislation underpins the awarding of a PhD in each country?** |
| Australia |  |
| Partner Institution |  |
| **13. Foreign arrangements** |
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|  **14**. **International Office, International Partnerships due diligence check** *(To be completed by International Partnerships)* |
| Open-source research | Yes  | No |
| Outcomes |  |
| Actions |  |
| **15. Declaration and approvals** |
| **WSU Proposer declaration** I have completed the above proposal in consultation with the Proposer from the Partner Institution. (*The Proposer must obtain endorsement of the Dean of School / Director of Institute BEFORE sending this form to the Graduate Research School).* |
| **Name** |  | **Position** |  |
| **School/ Institute** |  |
| **Signature** |  | **Date** |  |
| **Dean of School / Director of Institute** I have read and support the above proposal.  |
| **Name** |  | **Position** |  |
| **School/ Institute** |  |
| **Signature** |  | **Date** |  |

*The Proposer**is to send the Dean of School / Director of Institute endorsed EOI to Graduate Research International Partnerships Lead at* *grs.internationalpartnerships@westernsydney.edu.au*

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| **Dean, GSRD** I endorse the above proposal.  |
| **Name** |  | **Position** |  |
| **School** |  |
| **Signature** |  | **Date** |  |

*Once endorsed by the Dean, GSRD, GRS is to prepare a draft agreement.*

*GRS is to send the draft agreement and the GRS Dean-endorsed EOI to International Partnerships via email:* *internationalpartnerships@westernsydney.edu.au*

*International Partnerships will seek final endorsements of PVC(I)/PVC(GD) and DVC(REI) and notify GRS.*

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| **Pro Vice-Chancellor (International) or** **Pro Vice-Chancellor (Global Development)** I approve the above proposal to proceed to DVC(REI). |
| **Name** |  |
| **Signature** |  | **Date** |  |
| **Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research, Enterprise and International)** |
| **Name** |  |
| **Signature** |  | **Date** |  |