

Developing a Toolbox for Managing International Collaborative PhD Programmes

Session 1: Where we are in terms of handling
international collaborative PhD programmes at
institutional level in SA and EU? (Part 1)

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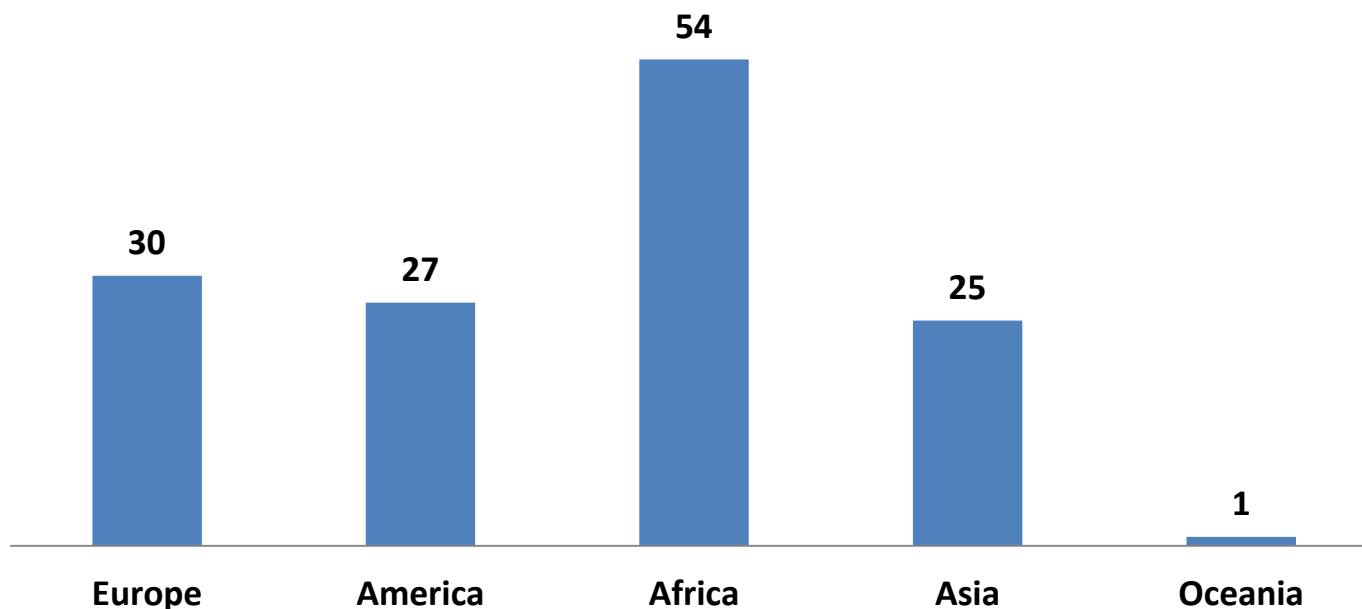
INTERNATIONAL JOINT PHD PROGRAMMES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTPELLIER



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INTERNATIONAL JOINT PHD PROGRAMMES : STATISTICS

- **1 758** PhD students registered at the University for the academic year 2018-2019
- **40%** are international students
- **137** international joint PhD in 2018-2019 with **43** countries



INTERNATIONAL JOINT PHD PROGRAMMES : STATISTICS

FIELD OF RESEARCH	PhD STUDENTS
Biodiversity, Agriculture, Food, Environment, Earth, Water	55
Economics and Management	8
Science of Human Movement	3
Law and Political Science	10
Structures and Systems Information	22
Chemistry Science	16
Language, Literature, Cultures and Civilization	3
Chemistry and Biology Science for Health	20



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International joint PhD agreement

- Individual agreement / case-by-case agreement
- 3 years duration
- Must be set up from the first year of PhD between both universities

Admission requirements

- Specific to each doctoral school
- Must be registered in first year of PhD in a foreign university
- Must have two thesis supervisors (one in each institution)
- Must fulfill the academics and financial requirements for registration as a PhD student



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Registration requirements

- in both institutions each year
- payment of the tuition fee in only one university each year
- periods of mobility in each laboratory
- the doctoral speciality

Supervision conditions

- Thesis supervisors names and laboratories
- Thesis supervisor's status :
 - must be affiliated to a doctoral school
 - must be a University

Professor

- must hold the French

accreditation to
supervise research (HDR



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Examination conditions

- one thesis - one single jury – one defense
- The agreement states:
 - who gives the authorization to defend
 - where the defense will take place
 - the language in which the thesis is written and defended
 - the composition of the board (number, members' status)
 - thesis supervisors role
- the way that the degree will be issued (double degree / joint degree)



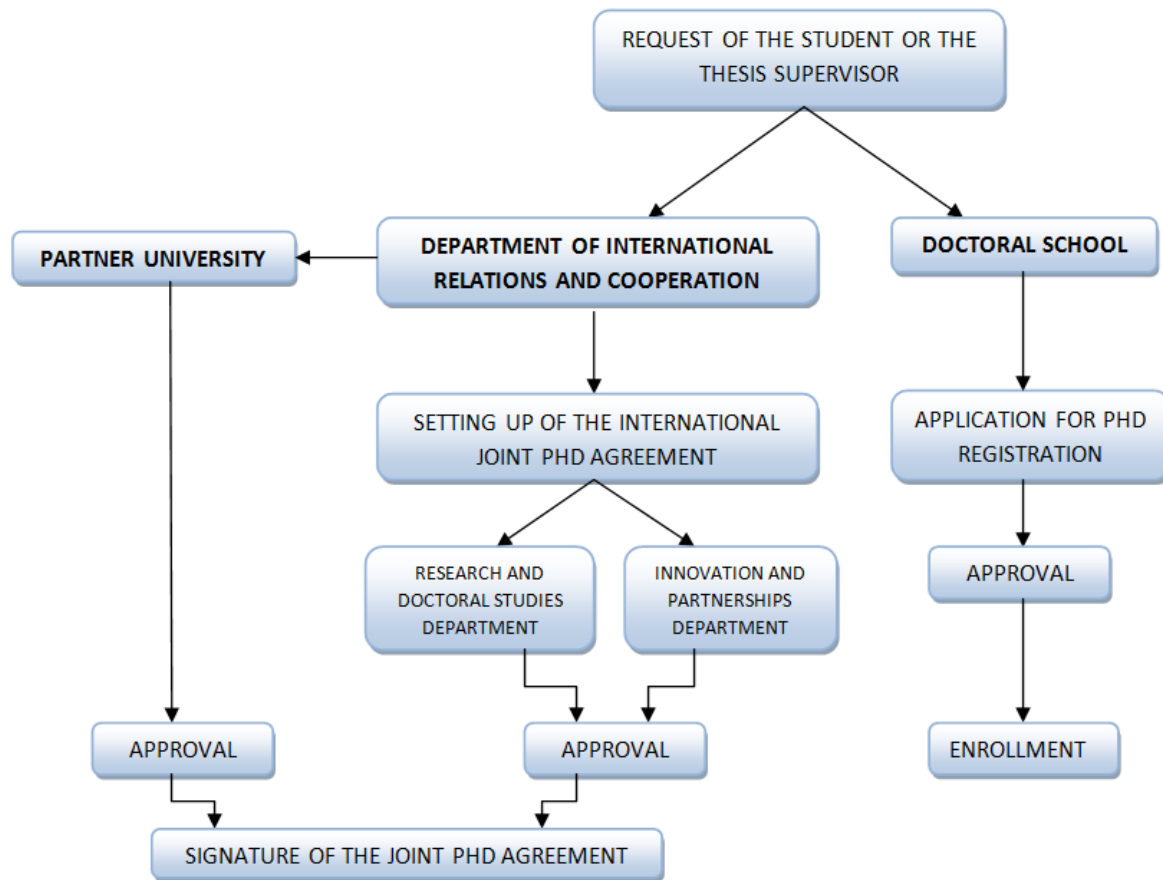
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At the University of Montpellier, the joint PhD agreement states :

- Intellectual property rights : who owns the knowledge?
who owns the results?
 - Exploitation terms : who can use the results? How?
 - Confidentiality terms
 - Publication terms
 - Termination conditions
 - The applicable law in case of litigation
- These questions are managed by the Innovation and Partnerships Department of the University



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International joint phd programmes: CHALLENGES

For the PhD student:

- Finding financing
- Language
- Administrative process

For the institution:

- Handling two different legislations
- Anticipation

For the researcher:

- To get additionnal funding for stay, analysis, scientific works...





Thank you for your attention

