

Memorandum of Understanding for Go8 Joint PhD Programs

This **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING** is made on the 27 day of July 2011

BETWEEN

MONASH UNIVERSITY (ABN 12 377 614 012) of Wellington Road Clayton in the State of Victoria

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY (ABN 52 234 063 906) of Canberra in the Australian Capital Territory

UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE (ABN 61 249 878 937) of Adelaide in the State of South Australia

UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE (ABN 84 002 705 224) of Parkville in the State of Victoria

UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES (ABN 57 195 873 179) of Sydney in the State of New South Wales

UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND (ABN 63 942 912 684) of Brisbane St Lucia in the State of Queensland

UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY (ABN 15 211 513 464) of Sydney in the State of New South Wales

UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (ABN 37 882 817 280) of 35 Stirling Highway Crawley in the State of Western Australia

1. Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) is to establish a Joint PhD Program between the Group of Eight (**Go8**) member universities. The program seeks to provide the best possible experience for Go8 higher degree by research students and facilitate collaborative research by actively engaging in joint PhD programs with Go8 partner institutions.

The formalising of joint PhD programs realises many advantages for students, supervisors and the Institutions as research expertise, infrastructure and co-supervision and research outputs are shared. Students have the opportunity to work across Institutions and receive recognition for this and supervisors and universities develop research (supervision) partnerships and future collaborative possibilities.

2. Definitions

In this MoU, unless the contrary intention appears:

“**EFT**” means an Effective Full Time student;

“**Institution**” means a Go8 university which is a Party to this MoU;

“**Joint PhD Agreement**” means an agreement executed by two Institutions pursuant to clause 5.2, in relation to a particular candidate for the Program;

“**Program**” means the Joint PhD Program established by this MoU;

“**RTS**” means the Research Training Scheme

3. Term of the MoU

3.1 This MoU commences on the date on which the last Party signs and continues for a term of five (5) years.

3.2 The MoU may be extended by the mutual consent of all Parties.

4. Non-exclusivity

Nothing in this MoU prevents a Party from entering into a similar agreement for a joint PhD program with another Australian or overseas university.

5. Nature of the Program

5.1 The Program allows candidates to undertake a PhD jointly provided by two Institutions. Candidates participating in the Program will be accepted into candidature at both Institutions.

5.2 Where two Institutions agree that a candidate will be admitted to the Program to undertake a PhD jointly provided by Institutions' Parties, the Institutions will execute a Joint PhD Agreement which sets out the details of the candidate's participation in the Program.

5.3 Each candidate will undertake his or her PhD in accordance with the terms of this MoU and the relevant Joint PhD Agreement.

6. Conditions of Candidature

6.1 Candidates will be required to spend a total of at least 12 months of EFT candidature at each relevant Institution. One Institution will be the home institution and the other the host institution, this will be defined in the Joint PhD Agreement.

6.2 On completion of the degree, the award will be acknowledged by the relevant Institutions, according to the arrangements outlined in the Joint PhD Agreement.

- 6.3 Appropriate reporting of the completion to funding bodies and remuneration will be arranged between the relevant Institutions recognising the proportionate contributions of each to the completion.

7. Selection of participants

- 7.1 The Program will be open to any RTS eligible (domestic) applicant for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy at a Go8 university. Participation will be dependent upon the availability of appropriate supervision, resources and facilities at both Institutions.
- 7.2 Each Institution will screen its applicants for the Program. Each Institution reserves the right to make final judgements on the admissibility of each candidate nominated for entry into the Program.
- 7.3 Unless otherwise agreed, all candidates must satisfy the usual entry and admission requirements/criteria of the relevant Institutions.

8. Financial and other responsibilities of each Institution

- 8.1 Each Institution will designate one individual to fulfil the responsibilities of liaison officer to facilitate enrolments under the terms of this MoU. Liaison officers will exchange all relevant information about the doctoral program offered at their respective Institutions.
- 8.2 The relevant Institutions agree to make available to all candidates enrolled in the Program the full range of services provided to its enrolled PhD candidates.
- 8.3 While at the host institution, candidates will have the rights and privileges enjoyed by other PhD candidates at the host institution.
- 8.4 A joint supervision arrangement shall operate whereby joint supervisors are appointed from both the home and host institutions. Additional associate supervisors from either Institution may be appointed, as appropriate. The supervision policies and procedures of the home institution relating to supervision responsibilities and replacement, training and accreditation and load will apply.
- 8.5 Both Institutions will agree on arrangements to appropriately incur the costs and distribute the revenue arising from each joint PhD candidature.

9. Candidate responsibilities and obligations

- 9.1 The Parties agree that all candidates will be required to abide by –
- (a) rules and regulations pertaining to his or her degree program detailed in the Joint PhD Agreement; and
 - (b) the statutes, regulations, policies, procedures and guidelines of both their host and home institutions.

9.2 All candidates will be responsible for the following:

- (a) transportation to and from host institution;
- (b) room and board expenses;
- (c) incidental fees and charges, if applicable;
- (d) textbooks, clothing and personal expenses; and
- (e) all other debts and incidental expenses incurred during the course of the Joint PhD Program.

10. Joint PhD Agreements

- 10.1 The Parties agree that each Joint PhD Agreement will set out the details of the relevant candidate's PhD program and candidature, as well as the rules and regulations of the relevant Institutions that will apply to that candidate.
- 10.2 Without limiting clause 9.1, the Parties intend for each Joint PhD Agreement to set out:
- (a) the location of the candidate's enrolment;
 - (b) details of the candidate's PhD program and co-supervisors;
 - (c) the rules and requirements around the candidate's candidature (including probationary candidature and confirmation of candidature);
 - (d) arrangements as to the funding of the student's scholarship entitlements and additional expenses (if any);
 - (e) intellectual property arrangements; and
 - (f) details of how the degree will be awarded (a joint badged degree or a shared program).

11. Amendment

This MoU may be amended by the exchange of letters between the Parties. Such amendments, once approved by Parties, will become part of this MoU.

12. Withdrawal and Termination

- 12.1 A Party may withdraw from this MoU by giving six (6) months prior notice (in writing) to each other Party.
- 12.2 The MoU may be terminated by the mutual agreement of all Parties.
- 12.3 In the event that a Party withdraws from the MoU, that Party agrees to honour any and all Joint PhD Agreements in force at the date of the withdrawal until such time as the last candidate completes his or her degree.
- 12.4 In the event that the MoU is terminated, that Parties agrees to honour any and all Joint PhD Agreements in force at the date of the termination until such time as the last candidate completes his or her degree.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties hereto have offered their signatures:

SIGNED for and on behalf of **MONASH UNIVERSITY** by its Authorised Officer:




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Professor Ed Byrne
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(name of authorised officer)

29/8/11
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(date)

SIGNED for and on behalf of **AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY** by its Authorised Officer:



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IAN R YOUNG
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(name of authorised officer)

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SIGNED for and on behalf of **UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE** by its Authorised Officer:



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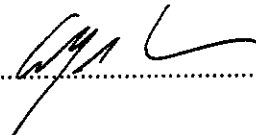
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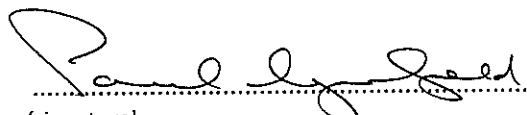
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