



**Broaden your horizon
with a joint PhD**



1. Plan your destination
2. Pack your suitcase
3. Start your journey



Plan your destination

1. What is a Joint PhD?
2. What does a Joint PhD involve?
3. When to start a Joint PhD?

1. What is a joint PhD?

- Research conducted in 2 or 3 universities
- A diploma of each partner (with reference to the collaboration)
- Research period (physically) at all partners (\geq 6 month)
- Supervisor(s) at each university
- A single, public defence
- Jury with members of all partners

 Individual contract/cotutelle necessary

2. What does a joint PhD involve?

Are you ready for:

- **Finding a supervisor at two or more universities?**
- **Living in a different country for at least several months and organise all arrangements for that?**
- **Following a PhD procedure at two universities?**

- **Gaining more knowledge?**
- **Gaining wide networks?**
- **Gaining more perspectives?**

3. When to start a joint PhD?

- **Administratively no restrictions**
 - Beginning of PhD
 - Later state
 - No min or max length of PhD (usually)
- **Check if restrictions in partner university (& consult supervisor)**
- **Application sent latest 1 year before defence**

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Pack your suitcase

1. Joint PhD procedure
2. Important items to negotiate

1. Joint PhD Procedure

Brief overview

- 1/ Finding a supervisor
- 2/ Assemble your application at UAntwerp
- 3/ Send your application to ADS (JointPhD@uantwerp.be)
- 4/ ADS will coordinate the process
- 5/ Start up procedure at partner institution(s)

1. Joint PhD Procedure

Application

- **Completed and signed application form**
 - Information about applicant
 - Information about thesis
 - Information about partner universities
 - Motivation for pursuing Joint PhD
 - Planning of research stay
- **Signed confirmation of all supervisors**
- **Motivation for more than 1 supervisor/partner university**
- **(Detailed cv)**

ADS Team

*One team to guide you along
your journey and answer all
your questions!*

Contact us: JointPhD@uantwerp.be



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1. Joint PhD Procedure

Approval of application

- **Application sent to Faculty**
- **Approval by Faculty Board/Departmental Board**

 **Follow procedure at partner university**

1. Joint PhD Procedure

Contract negotiations

- Contract proposal is drawn up
- Negotiations with partner university(ies)
- After approval by ADS and partner(s): final approval by faculty

 Fully coordinated by the **Antwerp Doctoral School**

1. Joint PhD Procedure

Signing of the contract

- **After full approval signing will be initiated:**
 - On original paper copies
 - Digitally (DocuSign or other)
 - A combination (digital first, then original of the print-out)
- **Legal parties:** representatives of partners + PhD researcher
- **For acknowledgment:** all supervisors (+ e.g. dean)

2. Important items for the negotiation

- **Composition of the jury**
 - Minimal requirements: at least one academic staff member UAntwerp
- **Place of defence**
 - Can take place at either partner institution, usually at main institution

2. Important items for the negotiation

- **One single, public defence recognised by all partner universities**
 - Absolute requirement, no possibility to deviate from that for UAntwerp
- **Mentioning of the collaboration and date of defence on diploma**
 - Absolute requirement for UAntwerp, but can be mentioned on undividable diploma supplement

Good to know

- **Research stay before application for Joint PhD**
 - Can count for Joint PhD at UAntwerp
- **(Still) IDC/Research Progress at UAntwerp**
 - Progress Doctoral Study Programme (depends)
- **Joint PhD = not a means of funding**

Start your journey

1. What's in it for me?

2. Tips from the experts

1. What's in it for me?

- A degree from 2 or 3 universities
- International mobility
- Enhances individual research
- Access to complementary facilities and resources
- Close contact with other research cultures & perspectives
- Improving respective language skills, gaining intercultural competence
- Networking

2. Tips from the experts

Testimonials

- 1/ **Prof. Dr. Annemie Bogaerts, Professor of Chemistry**
(Faculty of Science, Department of Chemistry) – supervisor
- 2/ **Marco Poli, PhD in Law**
Università di Torino (Italy) – INCOMING joint PhD
- 3/ **Prof. Dr. Philippe Meers, Professor of Film and Media Studies**
(Faculty of Social Sciences) – supervisor



**Prof. Dr. Annemie Bogaerts,
Professor of Chemistry (Faculty of Science)**



**Marco Poli,
PhD researcher (Faculty of Law – Università di Torino, Italy)**

**Prof. Dr. Philippe Meers,
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