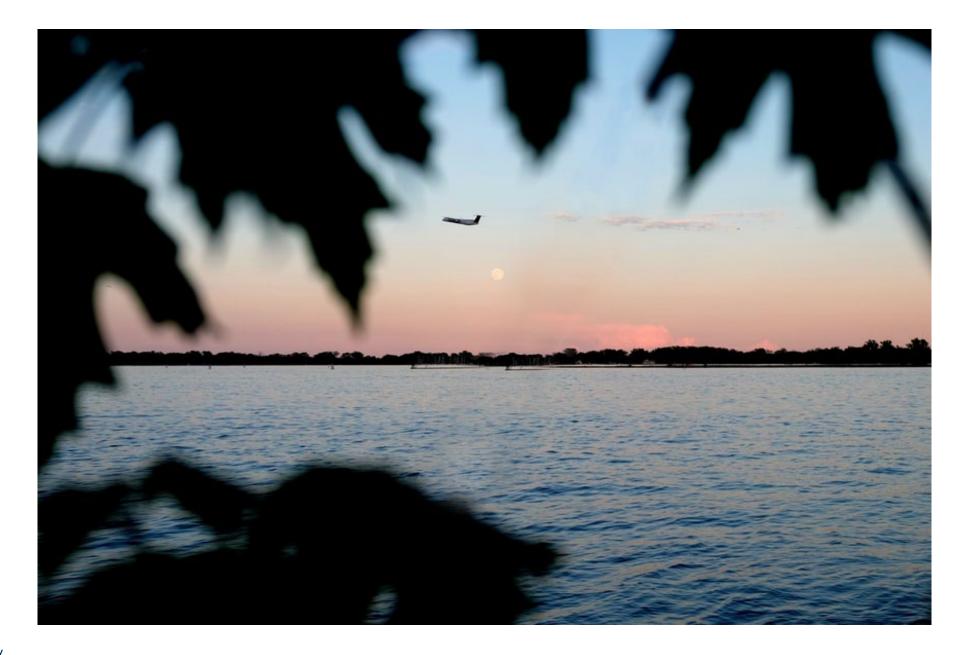


# Broaden your horizon with a joint PhD





- 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 (>/= 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



Start your journey

#### Yvonne Knospe, Joint PhD Faculty of Arts – Linguistic: Umeå University (Sweden)





### Pack your suitcase

#### **1. Joint PhD procedure**

#### 2. Important items to negotiate

**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)



#### **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 <u>all</u> supervisors
- Motivation for more than 1 supervisor/partner university
- (Detailed cv)

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### **ADS Team**

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



Simone Kramer





**Katleen Anthierens** 





**Kristel De Poorter** 



**Approval of application** 

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

Follow procedure at partner university



**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



#### 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 <u>single</u>, <u>public</u> defence recognised by all partner universities

• Absolute requirement, no possibility to deviate from that for UAntwerp

#### Mentioning of the <u>collaboration</u> and <u>date</u> of defence on diploma

Absolute requirement for UAntwerp, but can be mentioned on undividable diploma supplement

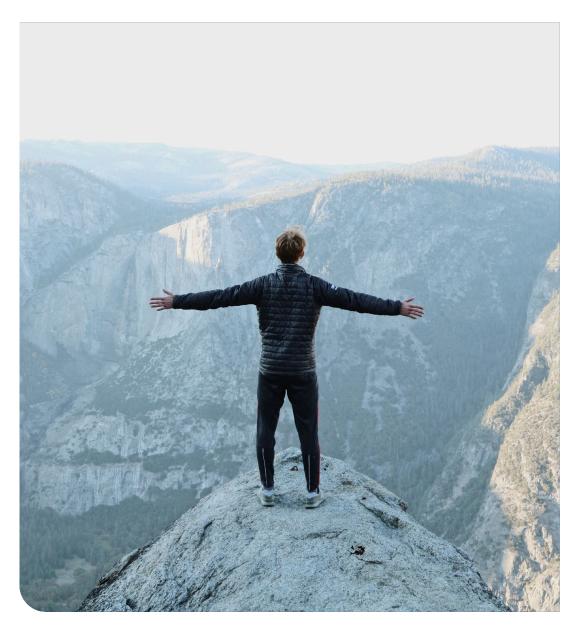


### Good to know

#### 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

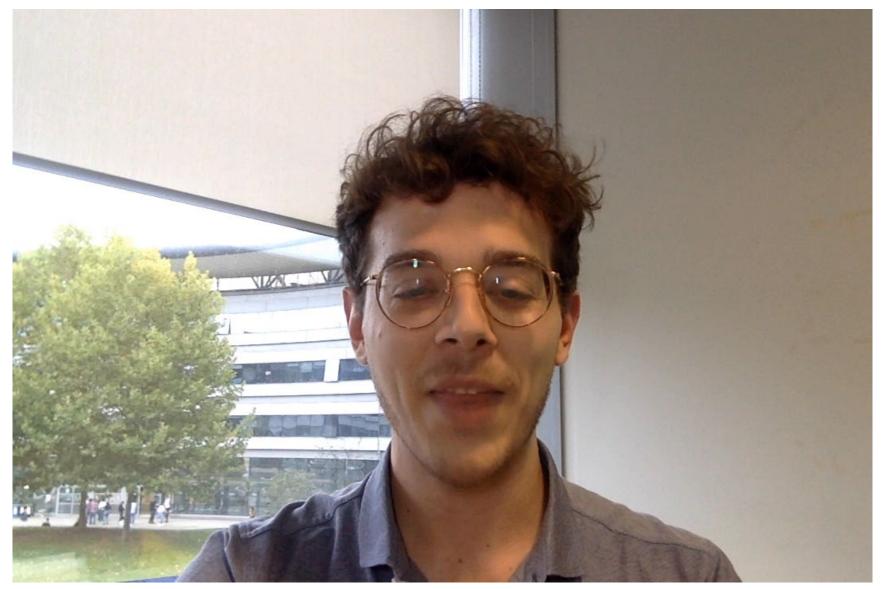




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Prof. Dr. Annemie Bogaerts, Professor of Chemistry (Faculty of Science)

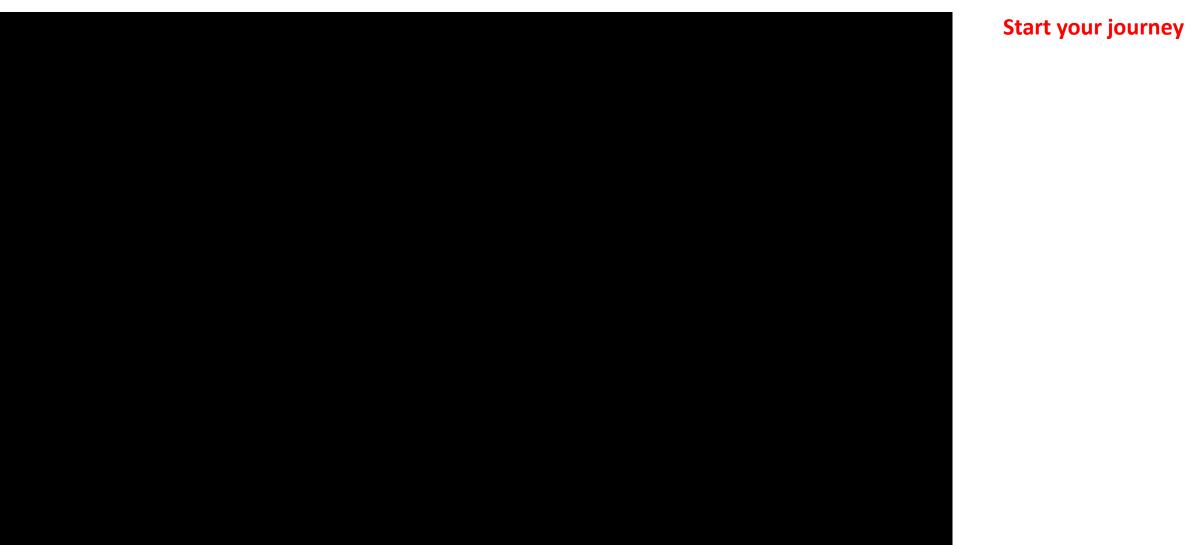




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