

PhD in international cooperation

Krakow School of Interdisciplinary PhD Studies

One of the goals of the Krakow School of Interdisciplinary PhD Studies is the development of international cooperation in the field of doctoral education, leading to an increase in both research and educational quality

Possible forms of international cooperation in the field of doctoral education:

1. Joint supervision/ Co-supervision/ Codirection

This is the easiest form of preparing a doctoral dissertation in international cooperation. In this case, cooperation does not have to be formalized in a written contract. The appointment of a supervisor from a foreign scientific institution is based on the rules applicable in a given KISD unit. This solution is advantageous when institutions cannot agree on the conditions for awarding a double or joint degree.

A doctoral student is admitted to KISD and may have one of the supervisors from a foreign institution and should stay at an external institution for a specified period of time. This solution is based on existing research cooperation, where doctoral students use the knowledge of specialists from another university, but do not require institutionalized, long-term academic cooperation.

The doctoral degree is awarded only by the appropriate unit of KISD.

All supervisors should be listed in the diploma and certificate of completion of the doctoral school.

2. Double Degree

The double doctoral degree is awarded by two institutions, i.e. the appropriate unit of KISD and a foreign scientific institution.

A doctoral student is admitted to a doctoral school/doctoral studies and, after meeting all requirements, is awarded a separate doctoral degree in each institution on the basis of one defense. This requires mutual recognition by institutions of a doctoral student's participation in courses and activities carried out in a partner unit. It is also necessary for the doctoral student to complete an internship at a partner unit.

A double PhD degree requires the preparation of a **formal agreement**. The agreement is concluded between two cooperating institutions and regulates, in particular, the admission of candidates, description of activities, rules of access to the infrastructure of a given unit, evaluation of the doctoral dissertation and the method of awarding the degree. The agreement should guarantee the possibility of meeting the requirements necessary to award a doctoral degree in each institution.

The office of the Krakow School of Interdisciplinary PhD Studies provides a template of the contract to KISD units.

3. Joint Degree

A joint doctoral education program is a more complex form of cooperation between institutions, requiring a high degree of integration. Doctoral students are admitted under one joint international training program, and the institutions share responsibility for all aspects of training, supervision and the awarding of one joint doctoral degree.

The joint doctoral program is seen as a further development of cooperation between institutions. This poses major challenges, given the need to reconcile different university traditions, standards and formal rules.

Guidelines for establishing international cooperation

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