

**COUNCIL OF GRADUATE AND POSTDOCTORAL STUDIES (CGPS)**

James Administration Building, Room 301

Date: Monday, February 13, 2017

Time: 2 :30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Documentation is available upon request – please contact [Maggie Do Couto](#).

**Cotutelle (Joint Thesis Supervision) Agreements**

**Note:** the format of these agreements may vary in style across institutions; however, the content of the agreements is aligned with what was approved by Senate.

**Background**

Cotutelle is an agreement on joint supervision at the doctoral level between two cooperating institutions, a Ph.D. student and his/her co-supervisors.

The goal of such agreements is to enhance student training and experience, and to facilitate collaboration and cooperation between the partner institutions. These agreements give students the benefit of carrying out doctoral research at two different institutions under the guidance of two supervisors with a pre-existing or emerging collaboration.

In 2009, a specific Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding the awarding of joint doctoral degrees between members of the Universitas 21 (U21) group of partner universities was finalized. This document provides a broad outline of an agreement between the U21 members to allow individual students to carry out joint study between two of the partners and to be awarded a single jointly-awarded degree for one PhD thesis. This MOU framework was approved at McGill by APC on April 30, 2009, by CGPS on May 11, 2009, and by Senate on May 20, 2009. The MOU was then signed in Korea on May 22, 2009, by the U21 partners.

While this MOU described the general agreement between these universities, the details of the program for an individual student are then specified in a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) drafted specifically for that student.

In 2013, McGill Senate approved the adoption of a Joint Thesis Supervision Framework Agreement (Convention-Cadre sur les cotutelles de thèse) between the Bureau de Coopération Interuniversitaire (BCI) (previously known as the Conference of Rectors and Principals of Québec Universities (CREPUQ), and the Conférence des Présidents d'Université (CPU) and the Conférence des Directeurs d'Écoles et de Formations d'Ingénieurs (CDEFI). This document provides a broad outline of an agreement allowing students to carry out joint study between two of the partners and to be awarded a single jointly-awarded degree for one PhD thesis. The document also includes a sample MOA to be used to specify the details of each student's program.

This MOU was approved at McGill by CGPS on May 21, 2013, by APC on May 23, 2013, and by Senate on September 18, 2013. In accordance with this MOU, the details of the program for an individual student are specified in a MOA specific to that student.

Agreement between McGill University (QC) and l'École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS) (France):

Student registered in the following programs :

McGill:           Ph.D. in History  
                      Prof. Anastassios Anastassiadis  
EHESS:           Doctorat en Histoire et Civilisations  
                      Directrice Nathalie Clayer

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Agreement between McGill University (QC) and Communauté Université Grenoble Alpes (France):

Student registered in the following programs :

McGill: Ph.D. in French Language and Literature

Prof. Isabelle Arseneau

Grenoble Alpes: Doctorat en Lettres et arts, spécialité Littératures française et francophone

Directrice Estelle Doudet