

COUNCIL OF GRADUATE AND POSTDOCTORAL STUDIES (CGPS)

James Administration Building, Room 301

Date: Monday, January 15, 2018

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

All of these items are reported as **for information only**, and have been approved on behalf of CGPS by the Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies' Programs Unit.

Documentation is available upon request – please contact [Academic Affairs Officer](#).

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 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 Communauté Université Grenoble-Alpes (FR):

Student registered in the following programs :

McGill	Ph.D. – Mathematics and Statistics Professor Vojkan Jaksic
Communauté Université Grenoble-Alpes	Doctorat – Mathématiques, Sciences et Technologies de l'Information, Informatique (MSTII) Professor Alain Joye