

COUNCIL OF GRADUATE AND POSTDOCTORAL STUDIES (CGPS)

Meeting held on Zoom

Date: Monday, September 13, 2021

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

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Cotutelle (Joint Thesis Supervision) and Joint/Dual Degree Report – 2020-2021
Background for Cotutelles

A 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 cotutelles is to enhance student training and experience, and to facilitate collaboration and cooperation between the partner institutions. They 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.

Summary

During the 2020-2021 academic year, two cotutelle students have graduated. There are currently 23 cotutelle students pursuing their studies at McGill (8 of whom began their cotutelle this year). In addition, there are 8 cotutelle students whose agreements are currently being negotiated.

Cotutelle students who have graduated

	Department	Partner University	Country	Start Date	Degree Awarded
1	Parasitology	Université Toulouse III Paul Sabatier	France	Winter 2013	February 2017
2	Integrated Program in Neuroscience	Université de Strasbourg	France	Winter 2013	February 2018
3	Integrated Program in Neuroscience	Université de Bordeaux	France	Winter 2014	February 2019
4	Human Genetics	Université Toulouse III Paul Sabatier	France	Fall 2014	February 2019
5	Computer Science	École Polytechnique	France	Fall 2012	February 2020
6	Plant Science	University of Edinburgh	United Kingdom	Fall 2013	February 2020
7	Mathematics and Statistics	Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1	France	Fall 2015	February 2020
8	Mathematics and Statistics	Communauté Université Grenoble-Alpes	France	Fall 2017	February 2021
9	History and Classical Studies	École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (ÉHÉSS)	France	Fall 2014	February 2021

Ongoing cotutelles (in yellow are the Cotutelles whose agreements were signed this year)

#	Department	Partner Institution	Country	Cotutelle start date
1	Law	Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris	France	Fall 2015
2	Langue et littérature françaises	University of Grenoble	France	Fall 2016
3	History and Classical Studies	Avignon University	France	Fall 2017

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4	Mechanical Engineering	KU Leuven	Belgium	Winter 2018
5	Experimental Medicine	University of Bordeaux	France	Winter 2018
6	English	University of Isfahan	Iran	Summer 2018
7	Social Work	University of Lille	France	Fall 2018
8	Biology	University of Ottawa	Canada	Fall 2018
9	Parasitology	University Toulouse III - Paul Sabatier	France	Fall 2018 (PhD) Winter 2019 (Cotutelle)
10	Computer science	École Polytechnique	France	Winter 2019
11	Langue et littérature françaises	Sorbonne University	France	Fall 2017 (PhD) Fall 2019 (Cotutelle)
12	Experimental Medicine	University of Bordeaux	France	Fall 2019
13	Law	University of Bordeaux	France	Fall 2019
14	Immunology	University of Bordeaux	France	Winter 2020
15	Immunology	University of Bordeaux	France	Winter 2020
16	Renewable Resources	University de la Rochelle	France	Fall 2019 (PhD) Fall 2020 (Cotutelle)
17	Physics	Campinas University	Brazil	Fall 2020
18	Epidemiology	University of Bordeaux	France	Fall 2020
19	Experimental Medicine	University of Sharjah	UAE	Fall 2020
20	Geography	University Claude Bernard Lyon 1	France	Fall 2020
21	Nursing	University of Genova	Italy	Fall 2020
22	Music	University of Lille	France	Fall 2020
23	Langue et littérature françaises	Jean Monnet University	France	Winter 2021

Cotutelles in process of being finalized

	Department	Partner institution	Country
1	Electrical Engineering	University of Paris Saclay	France
2	Hispanic Studies	Sorbonne University	France
3	Physics	University of Bordeaux	France
4	Law	University of Lausannes	Switzerland
5	Music	Sorbonne University	France
6	Mechanical Engineering	Ecole Centrale de Lyon	Mechanical Engineering
7	Music	University of Lille	Music
8	History and Classical Studies	École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (ÉHÉSS)	History and Classical Studies

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Background for Joint and Dual Degrees

Similar to cotuelles, Joint and Dual Degrees offer unique opportunities to build research partnerships with universities across the world. A joint degree program is a collaborative study program between two or more institutions where a prescribed set of courses, learning outcomes, and program requirements are designed and shared by all partner institutions. The successful completion of the joint degree program leads to the awarding of a single diploma indicating the academic, degree granting partner institutions.

A dual (or double) degree program is considered when two separate degree programs are taken concurrently or sequentially at two different institutions in two different countries. There is no joint curriculum or shared program requirements, though recognition of certain course exemptions is expected. The successful completion of a dual degree program leads to the awarding of two separate degrees and diplomas, one from each partner university.

Joint and Dual Degree programs at McGill:**1- Kyoto-McGill International Collaborative PhD Program in Genomic Medicine**

This Joint degree program starting in 2018, in partnership with Kyoto University, an institution that is part of Japan's "Top Global University Project". Cohorts follow a common curriculum in Genomic Medicine approved by the Japanese government. At McGill, the students are based in the Human Genetics PhD program. McGill and Kyoto University jointly select and admit students. Students will pursue their programs and spend consecutive terms at both institutions.

Currently, there are eleven (11) students pursuing this Joint PhD degree. In 2020-2021, three (3) students were admitted in the Summer 2021 term and one (1) student is being admitted in Fall 2021.

2- Dual Master's and Joint PhD in Population Health Methods and Data Sciences

McGill University has partnered with Bordeaux University to offer a Dual Degree in Public Health Data Science (MSc) and/or PhD in Digital Public Health. The program was approved and funded by the French government as part of "écoles universitaires de recherche" in October 2017. At McGill, it is jointly administered by the Department of Epidemiology, Biostatistics, and Occupational Health. Bordeaux's program focuses heavily on data science, while McGill's program focuses on foundational courses in epidemiology, biostatistics, and public health. Both programs complement each other's strengths.

Two (2) students graduated with a Dual Master's in Summer 2020. The program was on hold during the 2020-2021 academic year due to the pandemic. Three (3) students are expected to participate in the program in Fall 2021.

3- Dual Master's Degree in Neuroscience and Biomedical Engineering

UESTC is a Class A "Double First Class University" with strengths in engineering and computer science. Partnered with McGill, who is #1 in graduate neuroscience in Canada, we are able to offer a cooperative program of immersive and integrated international experience. The program is structured and cohort-based, with the teaching delivered in China and a research semester taken at McGill.

McGill and UESTC are expecting a first cohort of students in Winter 2021.