

**AGREEMENT**  
**AIMED AT THE JOINT SUPERVISION OF DOCTORAL STUDENTS**

*between*  
*the “Università degli studi di Trieste” (hereinafter UNITS)*  
*represented by its Rector Prof. \_\_\_\_\_*  
*and*

\_\_\_\_\_ *(hereinafter “partner Institution”)*  
*represented by \_\_\_\_\_*  
*concerning \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter “doctoral*  
*student”)*

**PREAMBLE**

*In line with the regulations in force in both countries, UNITS and the partner Institution mutually agree to put in place an agreement aimed at the joint supervision of a doctoral student, to be drawn up in two copies, according to the terms and conditions hereby established, as an effective means of academic cooperation and student mobility. The present agreement shall become effective upon the date of the last signature.*

**1. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES**

**1.1. Registration**

*The student fulfills all the requirements needed to register at both Institutions.*

*The doctoral student shall enroll after the agreement is signed both in YEAR OF ENROLMENT / NAME OF THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME / ACADEMIC YEAR at UNITS and in YEAR OF ENROLMENT / NAME OF THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME / ACADEMIC YEAR at the partner Institution.*

*If the agreement is put in place as from the second year, previous doctoral research is acknowledged by both Institutions.*

*The doctoral student shall enroll every academic year at both Institutions.*

**1.2. Fees**

*The registration/tuition fees are due to INSTITUTION.*

*By no means can the doctoral student be obliged to pay the fees to both Institutions, with the exception of the cost of the diploma, where applicable.*

**1.3. Health insurance**

*When starting his/her activity at the host Institution the doctoral student must be able to provide proof of health insurance cover. The doctoral student may be required to have liability insurance.*

**2. RESEARCH SCHEDULING**

**2.1. Research activity**

*The research topic will be \_\_\_\_\_*

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The research will be supervised by:

\_\_\_\_\_ (thesis supervisor at UNITS)

\_\_\_\_\_ (thesis supervisor at the partner Institution)

## **2.2. Time / work allocation**

The research will be carried out at both Institutions. The time spent at one Institution cannot be less than 30% of the total time allocated for preparing the thesis.

## **2.3. Extension**

At the end of the third year an extension may be granted if both supervisors as well as the Academic Board agree that extra time is needed, in compliance with the regulations of both Institutions.

## **2.4. Thesis preparation**

The thesis shall be written in LANGUAGE/S OF THE THESIS.

An abstract of the thesis shall be written in Italian and in: \_\_\_\_\_

The submission, filing and reproduction of the thesis will be done in both countries in accordance with applicable regulations in force.

## **2.5. Thesis defense**

The defense shall take place only once at NAME OF THE INSTITUTION.

The defense shall be acknowledged by both Institutions.

The defense shall be delivered in LANGUAGE/S OF THE DEFENSE.

The oral presentation will include a summary in Italian and in \_\_\_\_\_

An equal number of professors from UNITS and from the partner Institution shall be on the Board of Examiners, as well as both supervisors.

The composition of the Board of Examiners shall comply with existing national regulations and shall be approved by the Rector of UNITS and by the legal representative of the partner Institution.

External examiners can be invited; however the total number of members shall not exceed eight people.

The travel expenses and checklist of the members of the Board of Examiners shall be reimbursed by the Institution that collects the fees.

## **2.6. Diploma award**

The doctoral degree shall be awarded by each Institution (double diploma).

UNITS shall award the title of "Dottore di ricerca in \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ in compliance with existing Italian regulations.

The partner Institution shall award the title of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ in compliance with national applicable regulations.

## **3. PROPERTY RIGHTS**

Rights over research results are retained by the researcher, as well as exploitation and publication rights; such rights are protected under existing national laws.

**4. AMENDMENTS / TERMINATION**

*The present agreement can be amended or terminated by mutual consent, to be undersigned by the Legal Representatives of both Institutions.*

<p><b><i>Partner Institution</i></b></p> <hr/> <p><b><i>Legal representative of the partner Institution</i></b></p> <hr/> <p><b><i>Thesis supervisor</i></b></p> <hr/>	<p><b><i>Università degli Studi di Trieste</i></b></p> <hr/> <p><b><i>The Rector</i></b> <b><i>Prof. _____</i></b></p> <hr/> <p><b><i>Thesis supervisor</i></b></p> <hr/>
<p><b><i>Doctoral student</i></b></p> <hr/>	
<p><b><i>Date: ____/____/____</i></b></p>	<p><b><i>Date: ____/____/____</i></b></p>