Cotutelle/Dual Degree PhD Programme

Jointly established in 2015 between Sorbonne University and Nanyang Technological University
Background/Start up Funding

Sorbonne University
3 PhD Scholarships (2015-)

Nanyang Technological University
4 PhD Scholarships (2016-)

Paul Indelicato
Vice President

Freddy Boey
Provost
PhD Project, Supervision, Formalities

- The PhD project should be defined jointly between faculties from SU and NTU.

- Each PhD student should be supervised jointly by faculties from SU and NTU.

- For each student the universities will sign a specific "Convention de cotutelle internationale de thèse" (international joint PhD convention).
Eligibility, Recruitment and Admission

- PhD programme open to “local” and international students “Premium students”
- Each university admit students according to their own eligibility criteria
- Technical (GRE) & Language (TOEFL/IELTS) tests are waived for “local” students
- International students need to report Technical (GRE) & Language tests. Language tests can be waived for students that can show that their medium of instruction during their BSc was English
Eligibility, Recruitment and Admission

- Aim for excellent PhD candidates that are willing to spend at least one year abroad “Premium students”

- Admission at NTU in August or January

- Admission at SU in October

- The Steering and Joint Admission committees endorse the admission of candidates eligible for PhD
The procedure – faculty perspective
“brief guide”

- Find an excellent PhD candidate and make sure that he/she meets the eligibility criteria for admission.

- Make sure that the student submit his/her PhD application to the respective admission offices.

- Convince the Head of the Doctoral School (SU) or the Associate Chair Graduate Education (NTU) that your student meets the eligibility criteria and that he/she is suitable for the PhD programme.
The procedure cont.

- Ask the Head of the Doctoral School (SU) or the Associate chair of Graduate Education (NTU) to provide a Letter of Eligibility

**Letter of Eligibility**
A letter of acceptance from the doctoral school
- Example

To whom it may concern,

By this letter, I certify that Vincent Mançois has been recruited by UPMC to prepare a PhD co-supervised by Pascal Viot (Laboratoire de Physique Théorique de la Matière Condensée, UPMC) and David Wilkowski (NTU) on *Nonequilibrium long range phase transition in cold atoms: Theory and experiment*.

Vincent Mançois meets the criteria required for PhD student enrollment in UPMC.

Jean-Marc Berroir
The procedure cont.

- The administrator of the respective school send out the **PhD application** (CV, transcripts etc) along with the **Eligibility Letter** to the Steering and JAC committee members for endorsement

- **Complete** “joint International PhD convention” form

- Each student needs to **register** at the partner university prior to the attachment period.
  - **Note!** It should be done several months before the intended period of attachment to avoid VISA issues

- The receiving university is expected to help with registration, immigration, accommodation issues...
Steering & Joint Admission Committees

Steering Committee (SC)
Souhir Boujday, Advisor NTU relations
Muriel Umbhauer, Doctoral School
Bo Liedberg, IGS/Materials-CoE
Roderick Bates, Chemistry-CoS

Joint Admission Committee (JAC)
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