

Bi-national doctorate: Cotutelle - Cotutella

Generally speaking, a bi-national doctorate (Cotutelle) at the University of Würzburg is possible. The following information will be useful for doctoral students and supervisors.

Step 1

A doctoral student looks for a mentor who is willing to supervise the Cotutelle. In order to examine the validity of the student's University degrees and to ensure the prerequisites for a doctorate are fulfilled, the mentor should beforehand contact the Faculty and the International Office. In case of doubt, the Faculty has to contact the ZAB in Bonn.

Step 2

With the help of the rectors' conference (HRK) and the Legal Department of the University of Würzburg, the Faculty creates a Cotutelle-contract:

<https://www.hrk.de/hrk-international/mobility-and-mutual-recognition/cotutelle/>

The supervisors and the Faculty set up the contract in English and German language (optionally also in the doctoral student's mother tongue).

Step 3

The doctoral student fills out the contracts (three copies) and makes sure they are signed by the home university (President, Faculty, supervisor and doctoral student). Afterwards, he /she sends the copies to the Faculty or to the supervisor in Würzburg.

Step 4

The Faculty and the supervisor sign the contracts and forward them with the application for admission to the International Office.

For issuing the admission letter, the Cotutelle contract is not immediately necessary, but the Faculty's doctorate degree confirmation is enough for the time being.

Step 5

Enrolment for the doctorate is now possible; the Cotutelle contract can be handed in later on.

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