

Name of Policy	Policy on Joint Awards between ACU and Other Institutions
Description of Policy	This policy ensures compliance with the TEQSA definition and characteristics for the development and conferral of Joint Awards and defines the additional ACU requirements as determined by Senate.
Policy applies to	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> University-wide <input type="checkbox"/> Specific
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Staff Only <input type="checkbox"/> Students Only <input type="checkbox"/> Staff and Students
Policy Status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Policy <input type="checkbox"/> Revision of Existing Policy
Description of Revision	Revises and replaces <i>Protocols in relation to Joint Awards between ACU and Other Institutions</i>

Approval Authority	Academic Board
Governing Authority	Academic Board
Responsible Officer	Chair, Academic Board

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Related Policies, Procedures, Guidelines and Local Protocols	<i>Policy and Procedures on Educational Partnerships</i> <i>Policy on Course Approval, Amendment and Review</i> <i>Policy on Nomenclature of Awards</i> <i>Policy on Joint (Cotutelle) and Double-Badged Doctoral Enrolment</i>

1. Background Information

The Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) defines a Joint Award as “a *single qualification which is jointly conferred by two or more providers and recognised within the Australian Qualifications Framework*”. ACU requires that any such award must also comply with additional requirements of Senate.

2. Policy Statement

This policy ensures compliance with the TEQSA definition and characteristics for the development and conferral of Joint Awards and defines the additional ACU requirements as determined by Senate.

3. Policy Scope

This policy applies to all programs at ACU other than joint (cotutelle) doctoral or double-badged doctoral awards, which are subject to the *Policy on Joint (Cotutelle) and Double-Badged Doctoral Enrolment*.

4. Policy Application

4.1 ACU may confer an award jointly with another institution provided that:

- (a) the nature of the partner institution and the course are compatible with the Mission of ACU;
- (b) the course is jointly developed and presented by the participating institutions, and ACU has the status of equal partner with the other institutions in such course development, delivery and assessment;
- (c) the course has been approved by Academic Board and Senate in accordance with the *ACU Policy on Course Approval, Amendment and Review*; and
- (d) graduates receive a single jointly-badged testamur which may be presented at a graduation ceremony of either of the partner institutions;

4.2 Any such joint award must be the subject of a formal agreement between the partner institutions as required under the *ACU Policy and Procedures on Educational Partnerships*.

5. Related Policies, Procedures, Guidelines and Local Protocols

Policy and Procedures on Educational Partnerships

Policy on Course Approval, Amendment and Review

Policy on Nomenclature of Awards

Policy on Joint (Cotutelle) and Double-Badged Doctoral Enrolment