

Double PhD Program Between the Instituto de Computação, Universidade Estadual De Campinas, and the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, at Western

General principles

Admission

The admission to each doctoral program is by two separate and independent selection processes, in accordance with the respective regulations of each Institution. Each Institution will inform the other about the admission.

Language requirements

Each doctoral student must have a good knowledge of the languages of the two Institutions or at least of the language of one of the two Institutions and of the English language. In the latter case, the student must engage to learn the language of the Institution not known. To this aim, the two Institutions will offer the student the possibility to follow specific courses in order to learn the local language.

Starting date

The starting date of the double PhD program coincides with the beginning date of the doctorate which has the latest starting date.

Duration of studies

The duration of the doctorate should usually be four years unless extraordinary, exceptional and clearly motivated situations justify a reduction or extension. In particular, if the double PhD specified objectives are not reached, the duration may be extended for up to an additional year and in accordance with the regulations of the two Institutions.

Residency

The research and study activities will be carried out at the two Institutions during alternated or consecutive periods. The total duration of the periods spent at each of the two Institutions is expected to be approximately equal and to be concerted by the supervisors.

Visits at institutions and industrial organizations other than the hosting one can be authorized, if useful to the studies.

Enrollment and fees

The student will be enrolled at both Institutions in accordance with the registration period of each Institution. However the tuition fees will be paid only to the Institution that is committed to provide the financial support. If the student is financially supported by both Institutions, then he/she will be required to pay the tuition fees (if any) to both Institutions.

Supervision of the student

Each Institution will appoint a professor as thesis supervisor. The student will turn to the supervisor for advice or assistance during her/his residence at that Institution. The two supervisors will jointly exercise the function of scientific guide of the student and are responsible for the student doctorate education and research training.

Studying activities

The main activities that the student must carry on during the doctoral program include taking advanced level courses, doing research work and elaborating and defending the doctoral thesis.

The student shall fulfil all requirements and regulations ruling the PhD programs of both Institutions, particularly with regard to the course credit recognition, qualifying examination (if requested) etc. The candidate is required to obtain all the minimum requirements of each program.

The doctoral thesis is expected to contain research material of relevance superior to that attainable by work performed within a single PhD program. It will be written in the language and the format approved by both institutions.

Intermediate evaluations

Each Institution will separately examine and evaluate the progress of the student annually or within the prescribed frequency, and transmit the result of the evaluation to the other Institution.

Final evaluation and award of the title

After completing the double doctoral program and satisfying all the associated requirements (in particular the fulfilment of the coursework credits and the positive committee's evaluation of the thesis work) each student will be awarded the "Doutor em Ciência da Computação" by the Universidade Estadual de Campinas and the title "Doctor of Philosophy" by The University of Western Ontario.

Composition of final evaluation committee

The committee for the thesis defence will be composed of 5 examiners with the restriction that it should include one examiner from each Institution and at least one from an Institution different from the two engaged in this agreement. The committee shall be formed following the rules of both involved institutions.

The selection of the committee members shall be approved by the Graduate Committee from Instituto de Computação and by the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.

Financial matters

The student is expected to be supported financially by a scholarship or grant from either one of the Institutions or from both Institutions, or from a third party.

The student will assume expenses for travel, accommodation and all living expenses.

For the student's activities each Institution will freely make available its own resources, including laboratories.

The travel expenses for the thesis supervisor will be in charge of the supervisor's own research funds and/or of his/her Department.

The travel expenses for the members of the final evaluation committee will be shared by the two Institutions.

There are no other financial charges for the Institutions.

Research results protection

The protection of the thesis content and the publication, exploitation and protection of the results of the involved researches will be subject to the regulations of both Institutions.

If required, specific agreements will be arranged for the protection of the intellectual property.

Health insurance and protection measures

The student will be required to show proof of health insurance before assuming his/her residency at the hosting Institutions.

The obligations relevant to information, training and establishing the requisite prevention and protection measures, are defined within a document agreed on by both parties that will be annexed to the present agreement.

Controversies

The parties agree to solve in a friendly manner any controversy arising from the interpretation of the present agreement. In the event that the disagreement cannot be resolved, the issue(s) will be submitted to the demanding party.

Expiration of this agreement

This Agreement shall come into force immediately after the signature of the responsible University Authorities. It will last five years, and can be renewed after verification of the activities developed during its duration and provided that the two parties agree on renewal.

For each student, the individual agreement will expire when both PhD titles are conferred, and in any way will expire five years after the starting date of the double PhD program.