**Agreement for a [Joint/Double] Doctorate Degree under a Framework Agreement**

Between

**Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VUA)**

De Boelelaan 1105   
1081 HV Amsterdam  
The Netherlands

represented by its Rector, Prof. Vinod Subramaniam

and by its Dean of the Faculty of [specify], Prof. [name Dean]

and

**[Name partner institution]**

[Address]

represented by its Rector, Prof. [name rector]

and by its Dean of the Faculty of [specify], Prof. [name dean]

hereafter, ‘the partner institutions’

Concerning the research work carried out by [name doctoral candidate], duly referred to as ‘the doctoral candidate’,

taking into account,

the Framework Agreement for the co-tutellage of Doctoral theses between between VUA and [partner institution], signed [specify date].

The partner institutions agree to the following:

1. *Supervison*

The doctoral research work is jointly supervised by:  
Prof. [name] (VUA)  
Position: [specify]  
Faculty: [specify]  
Prof. [name] (UCPH)  
Position: [specify]  
Faculty: [specify]  
within the context of a formal collaboration between both professors. The partner institutions aim at a substantial - however not necessarily equal – contribution to the supervision of the doctoral candidate. The supervisors confer regularly with regard to the progress of the doctoral candidate’s research.

1. *The PhD candidate*The doctoral candidate's personal information:

Name and initials: [specify]

Date of birth: [specify]

Place of birth: [specify]

Nationality: [specify]

1. *Home institution*The home institution of the doctoral candidate is [specify]. The home institution is responsible for overall administration. If applicable, the PhD candidate also needs to follow up the administrative procedures at the partner institution. The home institution will verify that relevant procedures of [specify other institution] have been followed as well.
2. *Admission*  
   The doctoral candidate is registered at both institutions according to their respective rules and regulations. [Name PhD candidate] is doing his/her PhD research work at [Name partner] since [date], and at VUA since [date]. A copy of this [Joint/Double] Doctorate Degree Agreement will be delivered to both partner institutions with the request for admission.
3. *The training and supervision plan*
   1. The content of the training and supervision plan shall be agreed upon by mutual consent of all parties;
   2. The home institution is responsible for the overall follow up of the training and supervision plan. She commits to report regularly about the progress of the doctoral candidate to the partner institution.
4. *Research periods*The doctoral candidate shall spend research periods of [specify] at both partner institutions. The delineation of research periods shall occur by mutual consent between the doctoral candidate and the supervisors. Expected end date of the doctoral programme is [month, year].
5. *The doctoral dissertation*  
   The subject of the doctoral dissertation is [specify]. The doctoral dissertation is written in [specify language] and consists of [specify: set of papers/monograph/summaries].
6. *(Public) defence*  
   Double Degree: The public defence will take place at both universities within 120 days;   
   Joint Degree: The public defence will take place at [specify partner institution] under the rules and regulations of the institution where the dissertation is to be defended.   
   The doctoral thesis will be discussed in English.
7. *Degree*  
   In agreement with the legislation of the Netherlands and in agreement with the legislation of [specify country partner institution], upon successful defence of the dissertation, the partner institutions will confer the following degrees upon the doctoral candidate:

* VUA confers the degree of ‘Doctor at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam’
* [Partner institution] confers the degree of [specify].

1. *Diploma*  
   *Joint Degree:* Upon successful defence of the dissertation, the doctoral candidate receives a diploma of the institution where the defence has taken place. A statement shall be added to the diploma in which reference is made to the cooperation between the partner institutions and the joint nature of the degree.   
   *Double Degree:* Upon successful defence of the dissertation at [name partner], the doctoral candidate receives a diploma on which reference is made to the cooperation with VUA. Upon successful defence of the dissertation at VUA, the doctoral candidate receives a diploma on which reference is made to the partner institution.
2. *Financial arrangements*  
   Contributions to the expenses of the doctoral candidate that are related to the doctoral programme and/or to the doctoral defense, are agreed upon by mutual written consent of all parties. a budget including travel expenses, printing costs and other costs is added to this agreement (appendix or schedule below). Each partner will cover its own financial costs pertaining to the defense, unless otherwise stipulated in the written consent.
3. *Insurance*  
   The doctoral candidate shall comply with the obligation to take the necessary steps to be sufficiently covered by international health insurance and other necessary or mandatory insurance.

Place, date Amsterdam, date

[Partner institution] VU University Amsterdam  
The Rector The Rector  
Prof. [Name] Prof. dr. V. Subramaniam

Faculty of [specify Faculty] Faculty of [specify Faculty]   
The Dean The Dean  
Prof. [Name] Prof. [Name]

Faculty of [specify Faculty] Faculty of [specify Faculty]   
The Supervisor The Supervisor  
Prof. [name] Prof. [name]

Faculty of [specify Faculty] Faculty of [specify Faculty]   
*(if applicable)* Supervisor 2 *(if applicable)* Supervisor 2  
[title, name] [title, name]

Faculty of [specify Faculty] and Faculty of [specify Faculty]   
The candidate  
[name]