University of Copenhagen Dual Award: Leeds Examination Arrangements

Overview
A Dual Award is a research degree delivered jointly in collaboration with another university, which leads to two separate PhD awards: one from the University of Leeds and the second from the collaborative/partner Institution. To obtain both PhD awards, the PGR must meet the requirements of both institutions with respect to the thesis submission and examination regulations. This will lead to two examinations following the rules and requirements of each University.

This document summarises the examination arrangements for the University of Leeds component of the Dual Award PhD with the University of Copenhagen. This should be read in conjunction with the Guide to the thesis examination process. Each dual award also has its own programme of study. PGRs will need to consult their partner Institution’s guidelines for details of the examination process at the partner Institution. Advice can be sought from the Programme Lead for the Dual Award or the Graduate School.

Partner Institution
- University of Copenhagen

Learning Outcomes
- The learning outcomes for the University of Leeds award are published in the Programme of study

Dual Award Examination Summary
- It is expected that the Leeds thesis examination arrangements will fall within the standard University of Leeds arrangements.
- The PGR will submit a thesis to, and be examined by, both Leeds (standard Leeds arrangements) and the University of Copenhagen (public defence).

Leeds: Examination Entry
- At least 3 months before the planned date of thesis submission to Leeds, the PGR must enter for examination using the GRAD examination entry workflow.
- One internal and one external examiner will be nominated in accordance with standard procedures. In some cases an Independent Chair may be required.
- Should an external examiner be nominated from one of the universities within the ITN then a clear statement of independence of the proposed external examiner from the PGR’s project must be provided. In these cases an Independent Chair must be appointed for this viva examination.

Leeds: Thesis submission
- The length and format of the thesis are expected to fall within the standard University arrangements, as set out in the Guide to the thesis examination process.
• The thesis must be written in English.
• The thesis must be submitted to GRAD as set out in the Guide to the thesis examination process.

Leeds: Viva
• The viva will fall within the standard University of Leeds arrangements, as set out in the Guide to the thesis examination process.
• The Leeds viva must be in English.
• There is no requirement set out in the programme for any preferred sequence for the Leeds viva and the partner viva, and these may take place in any order.
• The recommendations and outcomes available to the examiners after the Leeds viva fall within the standard University of Leeds arrangements, as set out in the Guide to the thesis examination process.

Leeds: Award process
• The award process will fall within the standard University of Leeds arrangements, as set out in the Guide to the thesis examination process, including, consideration of the examiners’ report by the Progression and Examinations Group, completion of any corrections to the satisfaction of the Internal Examiner and submission of the final eThesis to White Rose Etheses Online.
• It is not conditional that both awards must be granted at the same time - one partner can grant the award independently of the other. The Leeds award will be made following standard procedures.

Leeds: Certificate
• The University of Leeds degree certificate and Diploma Supplement and Statement will indicate that this is a Dual PhD delivered in collaboration with a second and named university.
• Candidates who meet the learning objectives and assessment requirements of one institution but not the other will be granted a single award by that institution but will not be eligible for the Dual Award.

Further Guidance
• Guide to the thesis examination process.
• Dual award programme of study entry.
• PGRs will need to consult their partner Institutions’ guidelines for details of the examination process at the partner Institution.
• Advice can be sought from the Dual Award Programme Lead or the Graduate School.

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