

Policy Title: **Jointly-Badged Awards**

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1. **Intent**

The intent of this policy is to provide ECU with clear guidelines for the development of Jointly-Badged Awards.

2. **Organisational Scope**

This policy applies to all Edith Cowan University jointly-badged awards.

3. **Definitions**

TERM	DEFINITION
Jointly-badged award	An award which is developed and delivered in collaboration with other institution/s, and which is jointly- badged with the crest of the participating institutions.

4. **Policy Content**

4.1 **Approval process for a jointly-badged award:**

4.1.1 Jointly-badged awards should only be developed if they comply with the ECU Course and Unit Approval Policy and associated guidelines.

4.1.2 Each Jointly-Badged Award will be established by a written Agreement between participating institutions, following the approval of the ECU Academic Board and the equivalent bodies of the other institution/s.

- 4.1.3 The Vice-Chancellor will approve and sign each Jointly-Badged Award Agreement and the seal of each institution will be affixed to the Agreement.
- 4.1.4 The rules, policies and procedures of each university will apply to the conduct of their own units. The rules of progression will be those of the Enrolling University.
- 4.1.5 All graduates of a Jointly-Badged Award will be issued with a Testamur that is jointly-badged with the crests of all participating institutions, as described in the Agreement.

4.2 The Jointly-Badged Award Model

- 4.2.1 Students will enrol in a “home” institution (the Enrolling University) which will issue graduates with a jointly-badged Testamur.
- 4.2.2 The procedure for determining the Enrolling University will be established in the Agreement.
- 4.2.3 Where a University is not the Enrolling University, students shall conduct their study by cross-institutional enrolment according to the conditions of the Enrolling University – this applies to all participating institutions.
- 4.2.4 The Enrolling University will issue appropriate certification under the rules of that University. Such certification shall have the seal affixed from the Enrolling University but must include the crest of each of the Parties.
- 4.2.5 The Testamur must include a notation that the approved course was a Jointly Badged Award Program with the other parties.
- 4.2.6 Participating institutions will be equally badged in alphabetical order on the Testamur.
- 4.2.7 Only one Testamur will be awarded and that will be issued by the Enrolling University.
- 4.2.8 The student may only attend one graduation ceremony as scheduled by the Enrolling University.

4.3 Jointly Badged Award Agreements

- 4.3.1 Staff involved in developing a proposal for a jointly badged award course should contact the Manager, Academic Governance for advice and information about the Agreement.
- 4.3.2 The approved Agreement template should be used.
- 4.3.3 Each Agreement will include as a minimum, covenants and undertakings related to the following:

- (i) The course structure
- (ii) Credit points if the course is not a higher degree by research.
- (iii) The first year and timing of the initial student intake.
- (iv) Provision of teaching facilities, equipment, library and computing facilities
- (v) Teaching staff
- (vi) The right to cancel the offering of a unit
- (vii) Admission requirements
- (viii) Advanced standing - credit transfer and recognition of prior learning
- (ix) Enrolment procedures
- (x) Examination, assessment and academic progress
- (xi) Graduation
- (xii) Applicability of Rules, Regulations and Policies of the participating institutions
- (xiii) Student rights and responsibilities

5. References

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