BACKGROUND

The Dual Ph.D. program allows students to receive a doctoral degree from Temple University and a participating partner university. The Global Programs Division of the Office of International Affairs at Temple University provides administrative coordination between degree granting departments of both institutions.

Prospective students must be accepted into each university, and must have the consent of a thesis advisor within each corresponding department. The two thesis advisors, and the designated graduate education administrators, sign an individual thesis agreement. The student is continuously registered at Temple and the partner university from the time of acceptance until the program's completion. Doctoral students are expected to follow an outlined academic curriculum for degree completion (please see below). The total completion time may not exceed six years.

Both the Temple and partner university doctoral degree certificate are only valid in conjunction with the other, as the degree is conferred as a result of joint thesis supervision. Through such collaborative training, Ph.D. students receive extensive mentoring, international study opportunity, and enrichment of academic research.

DUAL PH.D. ADMISSION PROCESS

1. Partner University Eligibility: Partners must have a Dual Ph.D. agreement with Temple.

2. Acceptance by Partner University: Prospective student is first admitted by the partner university.

3. Partner University Advisor Selection: Student designates and confirms partner university thesis advisor.

4. Temple University Advisor Selection: In coordination with partner university advisor, student identifies and confirms Temple advisor for collaborative thesis supervision.

5. Student Submits Temple Application: Student applies online to Temple and submits supporting application materials to Global Programs. The date of application is contingent upon the partner’s Dual Ph.D. agreement with Temple.

6. Temple Acceptance: An admissions decision is issued by Temple and student receives an official decision letter. Enrollment is deferred each year until the student is eligible to begin at Temple.


8. Temple Issues Immigration Documents: Student is issued the I-20 Form from Temple University one year prior to their enrollment start in Philadelphia. The student will use the I-20 Form to apply for an F-1 visa for their stay in the United States.

STUDY PROGRAM GUIDELINES

The program’s duration is predicated upon prior academic standing. The below recommended sequencing may be amended based on coordination between thesis advisors and designated administrators.

Only Baccalaureate Degree (6-Years):

- **Years 1-2 at Partner University**: Students take didactic courses and qualifying exams.
- **Years 3-4 at Temple University**: Students perform thesis research and complete remaining Ph.D. candidacy requirements.
- **Years 5-6 at Partner University**: Students finalize advanced Ph.D. requirements.

Related Master’s Degree (5-Years):

- **Year 1 at Partner University**: Students take didactic courses and qualifying exams.
- **Years 2-3 at Temple University**: Students perform thesis research and complete remaining Ph.D. candidacy requirements.
- **Years 4-5 at Partner University**: Students finalize advanced Ph.D. requirements.
INDIVIDUAL THESIS AGREEMENT

The Ph.D. student, thesis advisors, and designated administrators at both universities each sign a thesis agreement. The agreement requires the approval of relevant offices at both institutions. The thesis agreement specifies:

- Names of the Ph.D. student and thesis two advisors.
- Hosting department at each institution.
- Division of study/research between institutions.
- Financial details, including stipend amount.
- Health insurance coverage.
- Ph.D. requirements regarding course qualifying exams, comprehensive exams, proposal, committee members, thesis language, defense location, committee travel coverage (if applicable).
- Procedures for the Ph.D. award.
- Other significant requirements (as needed).

DISSERTATION DEFENSE

- The dissertation defense committee must consist of the thesis advisors at both institutions, and at least one other member from each university.
- The external examiner may come from Temple, the partner university, or another institution.
- If the country of the defense is not indicated within the partnership agreement, it is at the discretion of the Ph.D. candidate and committee.
- Following the successful defense, the final thesis document is submitted. Each institution will deliver a diploma confirming the Ph.D. award (or its country equivalent).

TUITION & FUNDING

- Tuition and fees are paid only to the institution where the student is currently studying or researching.
- Funding to cover the costs of tuition and fees is evaluated on a case by case basis, if not previously indicated in the Dual Ph.D. agreement with the partner university.
- At the discretion of Temple and based on availability of funds, Temple may offer stipends and/or assistantships.

TEMPLE APPLICATION & DEADLINE

Once the Temple advisor is confirmed, students can apply online at www.temple.edu/apply. Students submit the following supporting documents to Global Programs:

- Official GRE scores (institution code 2906)
- Official TOEFL or IELTS scores (institution code 2906)
- 3 letters of recommendation
- Official transcripts
- Writing sample (if applicable)
- I-20 Form Application (immigration)

Application Deadline: April 1

QUESTIONS?

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