THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
FACULTY OF ENGINEERING

Joint Doctor of Philosophy Degree Programme between 
The University of Hong Kong and Imperial College London

Introduction

1. The Joint Doctor of Philosophy Degree Programme (JDP) between the Faculty of Engineering of the University of Hong Kong (HKU) and the Faculty of Engineering of Imperial College London (Imperial) was established in October 2010 providing research training leading to the award of PhD degree jointly conferred by HKU and Imperial.

2. Please read this document together with the Joint Degree Programme Agreement signed by HKU and Imperial on November 26, 2009 (document 170/1209).

Programme Structure

3. Each student would be admitted directly to the JDP through the home institution, with appropriate consultation with the host institution and approval by the JDP Committee, and in principle, be governed by the regulations and procedures of the home institution for all aspects of the candidature, including:

   (i) award of postgraduate studentships, scholarships and conference/travel grants;
   (ii) responsibilities of postgraduate students in relation to tutoring or other duties (though flexibility would be allowed subject to agreement among the candidate and the supervisors in both institutions);
   (iii) progress monitoring;
   (iv) coursework requirements, if any;
   (v) confirmation process;
   (vi) leave entitlements, applications and approval process;
   (vii) extension of candidature;
   (viii) withdrawal of study;
   (ix) submission and examination of thesis (including the conduct of any oral examination, regulations relating to the presence of the supervisor, duties of examiners and Terms of Reference of PhD Examination Panel); and
   (x) other regulations governing the conduct of supervisors and students (e.g. equal opportunity guidelines).

4. Students are subject to regulations/practices of both institutions, with endorsement/approval of the JDP Committee in the following issues:

   (i) overall study plan;
   (ii) quality requirements for fulfilling probation;
   (iii) quality assurance practices for the examination of the PhD thesis;
   (iv) any other programme requirements and graduation requirements specified by both institutions for the award of JDP (e.g. graduate transferrable skills training); and
   (v) termination of study.
Transferral to conventional single PhD programme

5. Under exceptional circumstances, for example, in the event that a supervisor resigns or some other problems arise with supervision, the student can apply to transfer to the conventional single PhD programme at one of the two institutions, which is normally the home institution, subject to the approval by both institutions.

Facilities

6. Both HKU and Imperial shall make available laboratories, computing and library facilities to students in the JDP. Office space will be provided to the students during the time they spend in each institution.

Enquiry

7. Should you require further information on the Joint PhD programme, please send an email to enggrpg@hku.hk.