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| **OFF-CAMPUS DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY CANDIDATE AGREEMENT** |

If approved by the enrolling School, PhD candidates may enrol in a PhD program at Edith Cowan University (ECU) in off-campus (e.g. online, external, remote) mode. Eligible programs are the Doctor of Philosophy (L61) and Doctor of Philosophy Integrated (J42). Approval for off-campus enrolment is not automatic. Prospective candidates and the enrolling School must show that due consideration has been given to meeting the program requirements and supporting the candidate (including ensuring that candidates will have access to appropriate infrastructure to undertake and complete the PhD project).

This Agreement must be completed prior to a candidate’s enrolment in off-campus mode with ECU.

Off-campus enrolment is not permitted for international candidates residing in Australia and holding a student visa.

Off-campus enrolment is not available to prospective candidates applying to the School of Engineering.

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| **SECTION 1: CANDIDATE** |

Candidates intending to study off-campus are expected to have a clear idea of their intended project, to be self-motivated and independent, and be pro-active in seeking support and developing connections with the School and with the wider research community.

Off-campus candidates are generally not entitled to a work space or other physical resources that are provided on-campus, but otherwise may expect an equivalent level of support and services. Please refer to the policy on [Postgraduate Research Training](http://policysearch.ecu.edu.au/WebDrawer.PolicySearch/Record/579/file/document)

Candidates intending to undertake research at another facility must ensure they meet the requirements of that facility. Written endorsement from a position of authority must be provided with this application to demonstrate that the research is supported and endorsed.

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| **To be completed by the Candidate** |
| 1. Candidate Name (and student ID if known): |
| 1. *For international candidates*: If you are not studying in Australia, will your home country’s government regulatory body recognise a doctoral degree awarded by foreign universities in online/off-campus mode? |
| 1. Please provide a summary of your skills and research experience that supports independent, sustained and structured research off-campus. |
| 1. Does your proposed research project need specialist equipment or infrastructure? |
| If yes, |
| * what equipment/infrastructure? |
| * how/where will this be accessed? (e.g. commercial or government research station, laboratory, hospital, another university) |
| * what is your relationship to the facility? |
| * what support and facilities can you expect to be provided? |
| * will you have a supervisor at the external research location? If yes, please provide name and job title. |
| 1. If you are accessing a facility to conduct your research, please attach written confirmation that this will be supported by that facility. |
| 1. Do you plan to attend an ECU campus during the program and, if yes, how often and for how long? |
| 1. Please describe the computing, software and internet access you have to support online study/research. |
| 1. How do you propose to maintain contact with your ECU supervisors (e.g. Skype, ZOOM, TEAMS, email)? |
| 1. Any further comments to support application for off-campus enrolment? |

**SECTION 2: ENROLLING SCHOOL**

When enrolling a candidate off-campus, Schools must be certain that they can provide equivalent support services and research experiences to the candidate, and that the proposed project is suitable to be conducted off-campus. Meeting or exceeding TEQSA requirements for research training and transnational education is imperative.

The principal supervisor and relevant Associate Dean (Research) must be convinced that the prospective candidate has the personal maturity and research experience to pursue independent, sustained and structured research off-campus.

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| **To be completed by the Principal Supervisor** |
| 1. Proposed supervisors: |
| 1. Have all proposed supervisors completed the “Supervising Remote Candidates” professional development training? |
| 1. Has a member of the supervisor panel interviewed the candidate by video or phone conference? |
| 1. How does the supervisor panel intend to maintain contact with the candidate? How regular will contact with the candidate be? |
| 1. Is the School satisfied the candidate has the equipment, IT and infrastructure to maintain contact and to complete the proposed project? |
| 1. Are there any planned visits by members of the supervisor panel to the candidate? |
| 1. Does the School intend to provide additional resources to those described in the Postgraduate Research Training Policy (e.g. SPSS, laptop, additional conference and/or travel funds)? |
| 1. How will the School support the candidate to complete the Confirmation of Candidature (CoC) and oral examination milestones? |
| 1. How will the School support the development of research networks and provide a research rich environment? |
| 1. Are there any perceived risks to running the proposed project off-campus? If so, what mitigation strategies will be put in place? |
| 1. Any further comments to support application for off-campus enrolment? |
| 1. Is the candidate currently receiving or applying for any PhD scholarship? |
| 1. Please outline arrangement for fees. |

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| **SECTION 3: AGREEMENT (DECLARATIONS AND ENDORSEMENT)** |
| I certify that the details provided are to the best of my knowledge true and correct. Falsification of records or details may be construed as academic or non-academic misconduct and is subject to the right of the University to terminate my enrolment or impose other sanctions in accordance with the [University Rules](http://www.ecu.edu.au/centres/office-of-governance-services/our-services/policy-and-legislation/policy-and-legislation-directory/university-statutes-rules-and-by-laws). |

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| **SIGNED by CANDIDATE:**    **Name** | Signature    Date |
| **SIGNED by PRINCIPAL supervisor:**    **Name** | Signature    Date |
| **SIGNED by Executive Dean (or Associate Dean Research as nominee):**  **School will support this off-campus enrolment**  **Approved/Declined**    **Name** | Signature    Date |