

GUIDELINES FOR SPONSORING PhD PROGRAM

Under 'Split' University of Melbourne (UMEL)

1. LENGTH OF SPLIT PhD DEGREE

The Split PhD is the 3 year University of Melbourne degree which can be taken over 4 years. The MOHE scholarship is provided for up to a maximum period of 4 years. All official documentation should state that the scholarship is for 36-48 months. Please note that funding for the full PhD is only available for 36 months.

2. PERIOD OF STAY AND INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL COSTS

In line with the agreement:

- (i) The period of location at The University of Melbourne shall normally be 50% of the PhD. **The maximum time allowed to complete the PhD is 48 months.** The period in Melbourne must include the first 3 months (for orientation and "start-up" purposes) and the last 3 months (for the purpose of final discussion and submission of the thesis for examination) of the PhD candidature. The remainder of the time shall be undertaken at the candidate's Malaysian university.
- (ii) The exact time split between location at The University of Melbourne and location at the Malaysian university shall be determined on a case by case basis, ideally by the Melbourne supervisor, the Malaysian co-supervisor and the student.
- (iii) In the first year, students may need to remain at the University of Melbourne for up to 364 days in order to complete the University of Melbourne's compulsory confirmation of candidature process which normally takes place at the end of the first 12 months.
- (iv) There is no requirement for students to return to Malaysia after 9 months at The University of Melbourne as is the case with Split PhD arrangements with some UK universities. They can remain at the University of Melbourne for up to but no longer than 364 days in any one calendar year in order to complete key PhD candidature milestones such as confirmation and PhD panel meetings.