

International Agreement Types – as at May 2024

Note: These agreement-types formalise education, student mobility and general partnerships between the University of Sydney and an overseas university, education provider, or other third-party entity.

	Agreement Name	Purpose	Key features of Agreement	Delegation of Authority (who can sign on behalf of USYD)
1.	Student Exchange Agreement	USYD (or selected faculties) seeks agreement with an overseas University for the purpose of exchanging students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exchange Students No tuition payments Non-award study at host institution Reciprocity requirement over life of agreement 	Vice-President (External Engagement) → Part 6.14.8 of University of Sydney (Delegations of Authority) Rule 2024 (Delegations)
2.	Super Exchange Agreement	USYD seeks a university-wide agreement with an overseas University which it considers a “super-partner” for the purpose of exchanging students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exchange Students on a large scale (50 FTE per year) No tuition payments Non – award study at host institution Reciprocity requirement over life of agreement 	Vice-President (External Engagement) → Part 6.14.8 of Delegations
3.	Study Abroad Agreement	USYD (or selected faculties) seeks to receive non-award students on a fee-paying basis from an overseas University or partner organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study Abroad Students Tuition payments payable by partner University or students Non-award study at USYD 	Vice-President (External Engagement) → Part 6.14.8 of Delegations
4.	Joint Study Abroad and Exchange Agreement	USYD (or selected faculties) seeks to receive Exchange Students and Study Abroad Students from an overseas University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study Abroad and Exchange Students Combination of Exchange Agreement and Study Abroad Agreement Typically, an inbound student demand to USYD that cannot be reciprocated is directed towards USYD Study Abroad Program. 	Vice-President (External Engagement) → Part 6.14.8 of Delegations
5.	Memorandum of Understanding	USYD seeks to enter an agreement with an overseas entity (e.g. University or NGO) for the purpose of establishing a general framework for collaboration in areas of mutual interest, such as joint funding applications, academic cooperation or information-sharing	For MOUs handled by Head, International Agreements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> USYD preference for University-wide scope Typically no legal or financial obligations Typically no provisions that are inconsistent with non-binding nature (e.g. no creation or sharing of intellectual property) MOU typically states that specific projects require subsequent binding agreement. 	Vice-Chancellor for both University-wide and faculty-specific MOUs → Part 6.17.1 of Delegations
6.	Dual Degree Agreement (Inbound or Outbound)	USYD wishes to enter into an agreement with an overseas institution that establishes a “Dual Degree program”. This program allows students from an overseas University to undertake a USYD course and (separately) a course offered by the overseas institution. Each institution recognizes credit between the two courses, thus shortening the duration of the overall study.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two individual degrees (not a joint degree) Separate application process at each institution Separate award process at each institution Agreement includes a “credit matching” table for particular units of study The sequence of study may be “inbound” or “outbound”, depending on whether the program requires a student to start at partner institution or USYD first. 	Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) → Part 6.14.6 of Delegations
7.	Joint PhD Principal Agreement	USYD seeks to offer a co-supervised joint PhD Program with an overseas University Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is only available with USYD’s key strategic partners and where there is likely to be a sustainable two-way flow of students This was previously called a Principal Cotutelle Agreement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sets out “umbrella” arrangement for joint PhD program between USYD and the partner university. Reciprocity requirement over life of agreement (balance of inbound and outbound students) 	Pro Vice-Chancellor (Researcher Training) → Part 6.14.6 of Delegations
8.	Joint PhD Student Agreement	USYD and an overseas University, seek to allow a candidate to participate in the joint PhD Program. Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is only available where there is a Joint PhD Principal Agreement already in place. This was previously called a Student Cotutelle Agreement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trilateral agreement (signed by 2 institutions and the PhD student) Sits under the Joint PhD Principal Agreement. Student Agreement addresses candidacy of particular PhD student. Student pays tuition (and any related fees) at Home Institution Tuition and fees waived at Host Institution 	Pro Vice-Chancellor (Researcher Training) → Part 4.12.4 of Delegations
9.	Partnership Cooperation Agreement	USYD, through its Office of Global Research Engagement wishes to enter into an agreement with a priority research partner university to explore and participate in collaborative research, teaching, training, and other agreed activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Managed by the Office of Global Research Engagement Collaborative activities are typically supported by a Partnership Fund and “ignition grants”. 	Vice-Chancellor or Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research) → Part 6.17.1 and 6.17.2 of Delegations
10.	Offshore Program Agreement	USYD wishes to enter into an agreement with an overseas entity (University or other entity) in order for an intensive unit of study to be taught to USYD students.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Typically an intensive credit-bearing unit of study (e.g. summer or winter school) Program is approved by relevant faculty at USYD Teaching is typically by overseas institution Overseas institution is paid for delivering the Program. 	Vice-President (External Engagement) → Part 6.14.8 of Delegations
11.	Student Placement Agreement	USYD wishes to enter into an agreement with overseas entity to allow students to undertake a placement or internship (non-clinical)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Typically an industry internship or placement Internship / placement is credit bearing for the student (or meets a degree requirement) 	Deputy Dean → Part 6.14.10 of Delegations
12.	Student Clinical Placement Exchange Agreements	USYD wishes to enter into an agreement with overseas University to allow students to undertake a clinical placement or externship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bilateral exchange of students Students remain enrolled at home university No tuition fees at host university 	Deputy Dean → Part 6.14.10 of Delegations
13.	Student Clinical Placement Agreement (Inbound or Outbound)	USYD wishes to enter into an agreement with an overseas entity (University, hospital or organization) to allow students to undertake a clinical placement or externship.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be “inbound” (partner university students coming to Sydney) or “outbound” (USYD students going overseas) Students remain enrolled at home university Typically no tuition fees at host university or organization 	For single faculties: Deputy Dean → Part 6.14.10 of Delegations For individual students: Head of School → Part 6.14.11 of Delegations
14.	Fieldwork Program Agreement	USYD wishes to enter into an agreement with overseas University or organization to allow students to undertake fieldwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outbound students only No tuition fees at host university or organization 	Deputy Dean → Part 6.14.10 of Delegations

15.	Preferred Third-Party Provider Agreement	USYD wishes to enter into an agreement that establishes an entity as an approved student placement provider	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreement establishes minimum standards for any services that the provider will deliver to USYD students. Agreement confirms that the provider has been vetted and approved by USYD. Any programs to be provided by the provider to a USYD faculty will be the subject of a later, specific agreement that confirms all relevant details. 	Vice-President (External Engagement) → Part 6.14.8 of Delegations
16.	Credit Recognition Agreement	USYD wishes to enter an articulation agreement with an overseas university, college or other education institution that formally recognizes a student's previous academic attainment and allows advanced standing into a specified USYD course (or courses)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced standing (credit points count towards specified USYD course) Agreement includes a "credit matching" table(s) for particular units of study Students still need to apply via Sydney Student as per a normal application process 	Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) → Part 6.14.7 of Delegations
17.	Credit Recognition Letter	USYD wishes to establish an arrangement with an overseas university, college or other education institution that recognizes a student's previous academic attainment and allows advanced standing into a specified USYD course (or courses)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A unilateral statement by USYD (not a legally binding agreement) Letter includes a "credit matching" table(s) for particular units of study Students still need to apply via Sydney Student as per a normal application process 	Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) → Part 6.14.7 of Delegations
18.	CEMS Exchange Agreement	USYD's Sydney Business School seeks an agreement with a member of the CEMS Global Alliance to allow for the exchange of Master of Management (CEMS)/ CEMS Master in International Management students.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exchange Students No tuition payments Non – award study at host institution Reciprocity requirement over life of agreement 	Vice-President (External Engagement) → Part 6.14.8 of Delegations
19.	Staff Exchange Agreement	USYD (either university-wide, or selected faculties) wishes to enter agreement with an overseas University for the purpose of exchanging academic or administrative staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No fees Reciprocal arrangement 	Depends on scope (contact the Head, International Agreements to discuss).
20.	Erasmus+ Inter-Institutional Agreement	USYD is requested to enter into an agreement that confirms details of an Erasmus+ grant that has been awarded to an institution within the European Union to support staff and/or student mobility between USYD and the EU institution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreement uses standard EU template Agreement outlines available grants and administrative details relevant to the funded mobilities. 	Depends on scope (contact the Head, International Agreements to discuss).
21.	Education Services Agreement	USYD wishes to enter a binding agreement between the USYD and another party which requires either party to undertake provision of any educational services on behalf of, or in conjunction with, the other.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educational services may include clinical and professional skills education, training and assessment programs, or research training. 	Depends on cost of educational services - see Parts 6.14.2 and 6.13.3 of Delegations (contact the Head, International Agreements or OGC to discuss).
22.	Sponsored Student Scholarship Agreement	USYD wishes to enter into an agreement with an overseas entity (e.g. University or NGO) to collaborate to jointly fund scholarships for higher degree research students to undertake study at USYD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inbound HDR students only Students still need to apply via Sydney Student as per a normal application process USYD and overseas entity outline respective contributions towards the Scholarship in the agreement. 	Vice-President (External Engagement) → Part 6.26.8 of Delegations
23.	Third Party Provider Services Agreement	USYD wishes to engage the services of a third-party provider to provide logistical support to students in furtherance of an established agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Third Party Provider to provide customised logistical support to USYD (e.g. accommodation, in-country support) 	Depends on cost of services (contact the Head, International Agreements or OGC to discuss).

Notes:

- This list is not intended to constitute a complete list of all agreement-types entered into by USYD.
- For more information about the agreement-types listed above, contact Thommy Gatling, Head of International Agreements (Thommy.gatling@sydney.edu.au)
- For information on agreement types not listed above, consult Records Online, the Office of General Counsel or the Research Office.