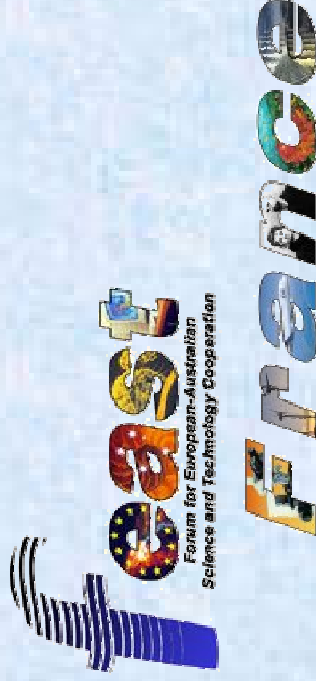


The French-Australian Research and Academic Cooperation



The French-Australian Research network

Embassy of France in Australia
Cultural and Scientific Section

Joint research projects

- Most scientific fields (including social sciences)
- High level of cooperation (more than 200 joint research projects only for the Group of 8)

Tools for cooperation (1)

- **Feast-France network:**
 - **Linked to FEAST**
 - **More than 1200 members**
 - **Targeted networks** (OzNano2Life, Hema - Human Ecosystems Modelling with Agents, French-Oz Astrophysics)
 - **Newsletter**
 - **Liaison Officers (60) in Australia and France**

Tools for cooperation (2)

- **Joint calls for proposals:**
 - **FAST program (with the Australian Academy of Sciences)**
 - **Social sciences (with the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia)**
 - **Humanities (with the Australian Academy of Humanities)**

Other programs:

- **Scientific visits to Europe**

FAST

The program will support the international travel and living expenses (short stays, typically 1 to 2 weeks) associated with participation in the research project.

- Projects may range from short international visits or activities to more complex projects spanning up to 2 years. The 2009 FAST round will consider applications in the areas of space sciences, materials, and information and communication technologies.

- Australian candidates need to apply online at Diisr's website at: <http://www.innovation.gov.au/ISL>

French applicants need to apply online at EGIDE's

website: <http://www.egide.asso.fr/fr/programmes/pai>

Social Sciences

- Aims at facilitating exchanges between research teams and constitutes only an additional aid.
- International air travel expenses for French or Australian researchers and experts (additional domestic travel in the visited country can also be supported)
 - allowances for short stays in France or Australia
- On average 5 projects are selected every year (out of 10 to 15 applications) and the average grant is A\$ 6,200 per application over 2 years.
- Application forms can be downloaded from the French Embassy's website at:
<http://www.ambafrance-au.org/> or from the ASSA's website: <http://www.assa.edu.au/>

Scientific visits to Europe

- Proposals must be for collaborative research in any field of natural sciences
 - Applicants must be Australian citizens or permanent residents.
 - The application must be for a short term and highly focused visit, and not to supplement a study leave, to gain immediate postdoctoral training, nor to attend a conference.
 - This is a joint Australian-French funding opportunity.
- Application can be lodged directly on the AAS website:

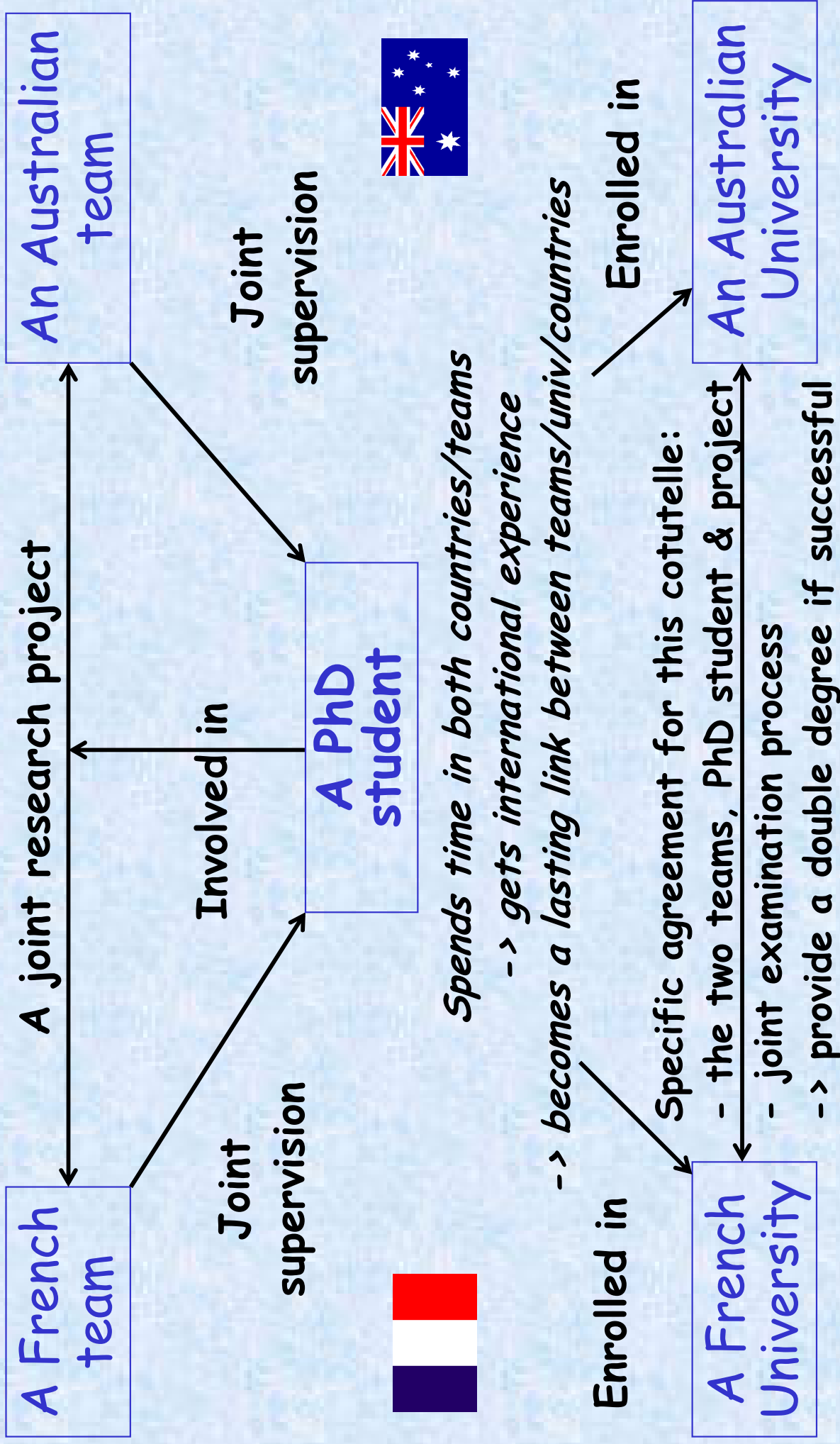
<http://www.science.org.au/internat/europe.htm>

French lessons for scientists

- For academics, researchers, PhD students, administrative personnel
- Up to 60 hours of French classes
- All levels
- Half of the cost is paid by the embassy

The Cotutelles

The cotutelle scheme



The goals of cotutelles

Cotutelle IS

- A device for strengthening existing research collaboration.
- A possibility for a student to discover the ways of doing research in an other country and getting an international experience.

Cotutelle is NOT

- A process for recruiting international students.
- Aimed at getting PhD students to knock the door of administration to look for a “cotutelle grant” and then asking for the foreign partner as well.

The Benefits of Cotutelle I

Benefits for the teams and universities involved

- To increase, structure and highlight international scientific cooperation between France or Europe and Australia.
- To expand Higher Education relationships between French and Australian universities.
- To better train and benefit from highly skilled students.
- To access new funding sources specific to cotutelles.

The Benefits of Cotutelle II

Benefits for the Cotutelle student

- To get an early experience of international research.
- To create personal links, at early stage of their career, to pursue scientific research opportunities between the two countries.
- To obtain, if successful, a double-badged doctoral degree, recognised in Australia and in Europe.
- To be exposed to different cultural and scientific environments.

Technical information I

Universities Involved

- All French universities, under national regulations.
- Most of the major Australian universities, each university having its own regulations.
- Cotuitelles with Australia have been extended to other European countries.

Tuition fees

- In the frame of Cotutelle, the PhD student is exempted from paying registration fees at one institution.
- He (she) pays fees only at his (her) home institution.
- Amendment #1 of the guidelines for CGS, 01/01/05.

Technical information II

Duration

PhD in Cotutelle is a normal PhD (usually 3 years) with time shared between the 2 countries - Typically at least one year is spent in each country (in one or several stays).

Examination

The PhD study should be defended or submitted only once in accordance to what the two institutions have agreed upon in the Cotutelle Convention.

Requirements from both universities are generally added, with adapted rules about the use of languages.

Technical information III

Framework

The PhD in Cotutelle is usually made possible by a previous research cooperation between two research groups or two academics (one in France and one in Australia).

However in some cases, when a previous cooperation does not exist, students may try to initiate a contact between two academics (a French and an Australian) to create a new cotutelle. This process may create difficulties (will the two advisors be able to work together?) but can also have positive effects on the research links between French and Australian universities (new contacts and projects may come from a cotutelle thesis)

Specific financial support for Cotutelle I

French National Level

- French Department of Research: “Grant for cotutelle”:
5 100 € to the French establishment (for travel expenses of the Au/Fr student).
- French Embassy in Australia: Cotutelle Grant:
\$2,500 to the Au/Fr student for travel expenses
From 2009, call for proposals are organised with AAS.
- Fr. Dept of Foreign Affairs: “Eiffel doctoral grants”:
Australian PhD student will receive a grant of 1400 € per month (around \$2,500/month) for one year in France.

Specific financial support for Cotutelle II

French Regional/Local Level

- French Regional Governments: various local grants
- Example: "Eurodoc" in Region Rhône-Alpes: 3 800 € to the student and 3 800 € to the French laboratory (around twice \$6,350).

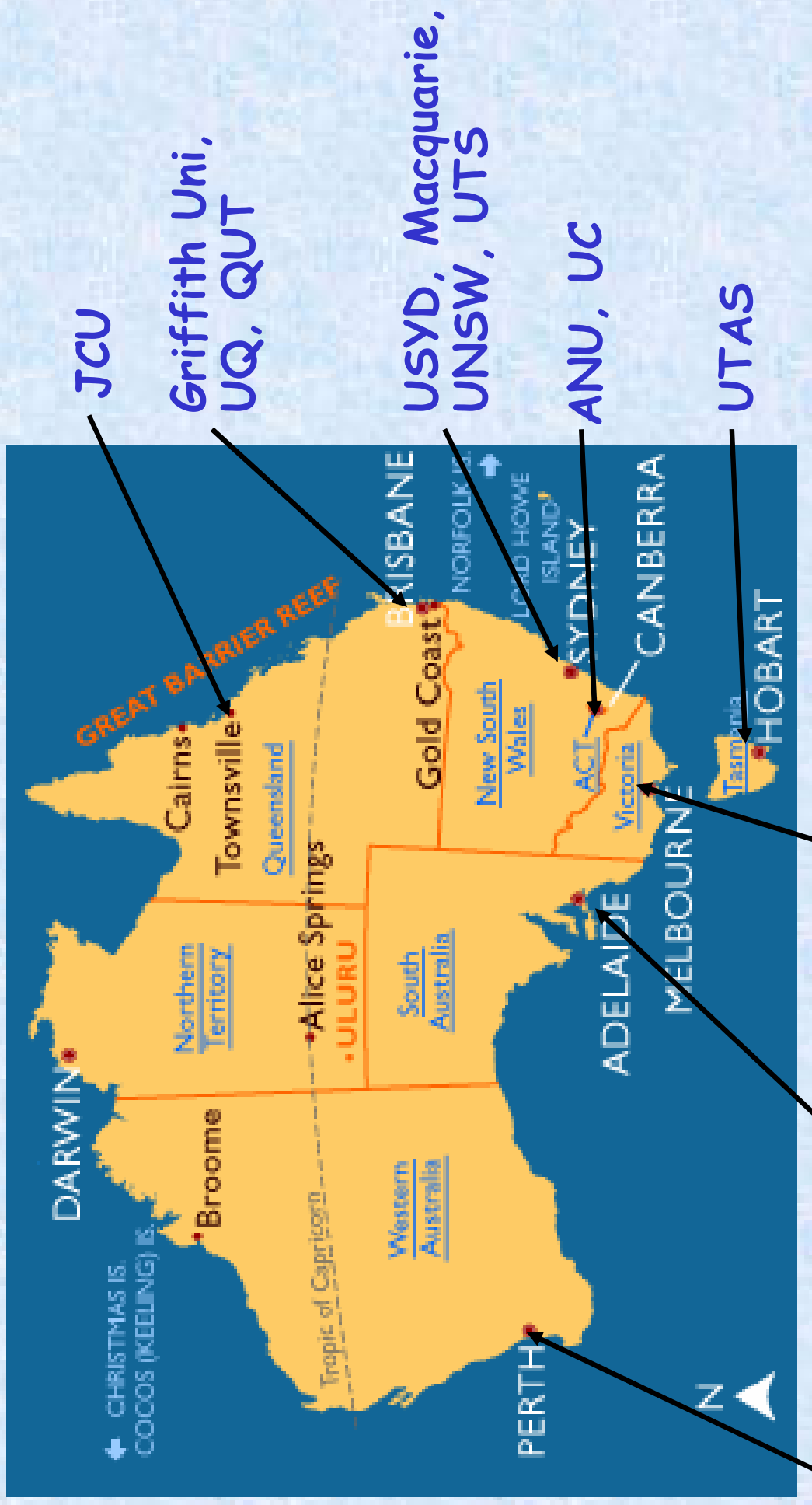
Australian Universities

- Some universities offer competitive scholarships open to Cotutelle students.

Australian national policy

Tomorrow?

January 2008: More than 20 Australian universities have undertaken Cotutelle PhDs. About 120 Cotutelles with France are underway or completed.



UWA, ECU Adelaide, UNISA Swinburne, UniMelb

Grants and scholarships

Travel grants

Baudin grants

- Open to all Australian postgraduate students
- \$ 2300 bursary grant
- Full medical cover in France
- For 1 or 2 semesters
- 1 call for applications per year (May 2009)

Full scholarships

Engineering scholarship

- Full scholarship to register to the "N + I" master program
- 65 French engineering school network
- 2 years
- Scholarship of 700 euros / month
- Next round in 2009

Sciences Po scholarship

- Full scholarship to register to the master program of Sciences Po (institute of political studies in Paris)
 - 2 years
 - Scholarship of 700 euros / months
- Next round in 2009

Other programs

ENA scholarship

- For Australian public servants
- To participate in one of the international cycle of the Ecole nationale d'administration (6 to 18 months)

English language assistant

- 6 to 9 months position in a school or cluster of school in France
- 12 hours in the classroom / week
- Monthly allowance of 940 euros.

Contacts at the Embassy of France

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