

## Guidelines for PolyU-ASTRI Joint PhD Programme

To facilitate the joint supervision of part-time PhD students and strengthen connections between academia and industry, the Graduate School (GS) has established a Joint PhD Programme (“the Programme”) between PolyU and the Hong Kong Applied Science and Technology Research Institute Company Limited (ASTRI), building upon its existing ASTRI WORK-STUDY Programme (PhD). This guideline outlines the eligibility criteria, application and admission procedures, and Programme arrangements.

### Student Eligibility

Participating Students must:

- be registered as part-time PhD students at PolyU in the disciplines of engineering and science; and
- be regular full-time employees of ASTRI.

### Supervisor Eligibility

PolyU supervisors should meet the criteria stipulated [HERE](#). The co-supervisor from ASTRI must also meet the eligibility requirements for co-supervisors at PolyU.

### Application

PolyU accepts application for its PhD programmes throughout the year. ASTRI staff who have obtained approval for participating in the Programme may submit their PhD applications through the [RPgAdmission System](#). For details on applying for PhD studies at PolyU, please refer to <https://www.polyu.edu.hk/gs/prospective-students/how-to-apply/>.

Current part-time PhD students interested in joining ASTRI and the Programme should consult with GS and ASTRI individually.

### Admission Requirements

Applicants will undergo PolyU’s PhD admission process. To be considered for admission, candidates must meet the following requirements:

- PolyU’s entrance requirements for its PhD programmes, as well as English language proficiency; and
- ASTRI’s requirements for the Programme as stipulated [HERE](#).

### Supervision Arrangement

Students under the Programme (“Participating Students”) will be jointly supervised by a Chief Supervisor from PolyU and a co-supervisor from ASTRI.

### Study and Work Arrangement

Participating Students shall adhere to PolyU’s regulations and policies for its PhD students and ASTRI’s terms of employment for its regular staff. With the consent of ASTRI, Participating Students may carry out their job duties at PolyU for a maximum of one day per week to accommodate their studies.

### **Financial Arrangement**

ASTRI will provide remuneration to each Participating Student in accordance with their employment contracts, while Participating Students are responsible for paying their tuition and other fees and expenses related to their studies at PolyU.

### **Intellectual Property**

Intellectual Property (IP) created by Participating Students during their course of studies (where ASTRI is not acting as a collaborator) shall be owned by PolyU, unless such IP is created solely by the students without the use of PolyU resources. For more details, please refer [HERE](#).

Participating Students shall refer to ASTRI's internal arrangements regarding IP generated in its own research projects (where PolyU is not acting as a collaborator).

### **Withdrawal**

A Participating Student will be considered withdrawn from the Programme if they terminate their PhD studies at PolyU or if their employment at ASTRI is terminated or not renewed. This withdrawal will not adversely affect the student's academic standing at PolyU nor their employment with ASTRI.

### **Degree Award**

Upon successful completion of the Programme, each Participating Student will be awarded a PhD degree parchment from PolyU, as well as a certificate jointly issued by PolyU and ASTRI for their participation in the Programme. Participating Students should apply for the joint certificate with GS by providing the latest proof of employment to [gs.jep@polyu.edu.hk](mailto:gs.jep@polyu.edu.hk) upon Programme completion.

### **Enquiries**

For enquiries about application to PolyU, please contact GS at [gs.jep@polyu.edu.hk](mailto:gs.jep@polyu.edu.hk).

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