

## ISTA-ATN Joint PhD Workshop

Time / Date: 16:45-18:15, 12 November 2012  
Venue: Senate Room, M1603, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University  
Organizers: Australian Technology Network (ATN)  
International Strategic Technology Alliance (ISTA)

### Background

Ever since the establishment of the ISTA-ATN NanoNetwork in 2009, researchers from both networks have engaged in various forms of exchange activities and collaborations. These joint activities include conference, exchange visits, supervision of research students, research projects and research laboratory.

Globalization is driving higher education institutions to enhance their competitiveness through various forms of internationalization. Joint PhD program is one of the initiatives being actively pursued in many universities as a win-win strategy to strengthen research capabilities by capitalizing complementary research facilities and resources, as well as to enrich student's international exposure.

### Objectives

To further facilitate the internationalization of member universities and to deepen the collaboration of the two networks, it is desirable to leverage the strategic partnership established since 2005 to develop joint PhD programs between ISTA and ATN universities. This workshop will bring together senior executives in-charge-of international collaboration and research development to share their experience in developing joint PhD programs with other universities. It also targets to outline the working principles and framework which can facilitate member universities to actually develop joint programs in future.

## Programme

16:45-16:55	<p><b>Open Remark: Values of Joint PhD Programs, Idea of Joint Involvement with Industry</b></p> <p>Prof. David Wood Deputy Vice Chancellor (International), Curtin University</p>
16:55-17:05	<p><b>PolyU's Experience in Developing Joint PhD Programs</b> (<a href="#">presentation file</a>)</p> <p>Ir Prof. Alex Wai Vice President (Research Development), The Hong Kong Polytechnic University</p>
17:05-17:15	<p><b>Considerations in Developing Working Principles, Policy and Framework of Joint PhD Programs between Universities from Australia and China</b> (<a href="#">presentation file</a>)</p> <p>Prof Kate Wright Associate Deputy Vice Chancellor, Research Training (Research &amp; Development), Curtin University</p>
17:15-17:25	<p><b>Experience from Queensland University of Technology</b> (<a href="#">presentation file</a>)</p> <p>Mr Michael McArdle Director of Research, Queensland University of Technology</p>
17:25-17:35	<p><b>Student Sharing of PolyU-Sichuan University Joint PhD Program</b> (<a href="#">presentation file</a>)</p> <p>Mr Qiang Gao PhD Student, Joint PhD Program (First Cohort), Sichuan University – Hong Kong Polytechnic University Institute for Disaster Management and Reconstruction</p>
17:35-18:05	<p><b>Open Discussion</b></p> <p><u>Co-convenors</u></p> <p>Prof. David Wood Deputy Vice Chancellor (International), Curtin University</p> <p>Dr Alwin Wong Secretary-General, ISTA Director, Institute for Entrepreneurship, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University</p>
18:05-18:15	<p><b>Conclusion and the way forward</b></p> <p>Prof. David Wood Deputy Vice Chancellor (International), Curtin University</p>