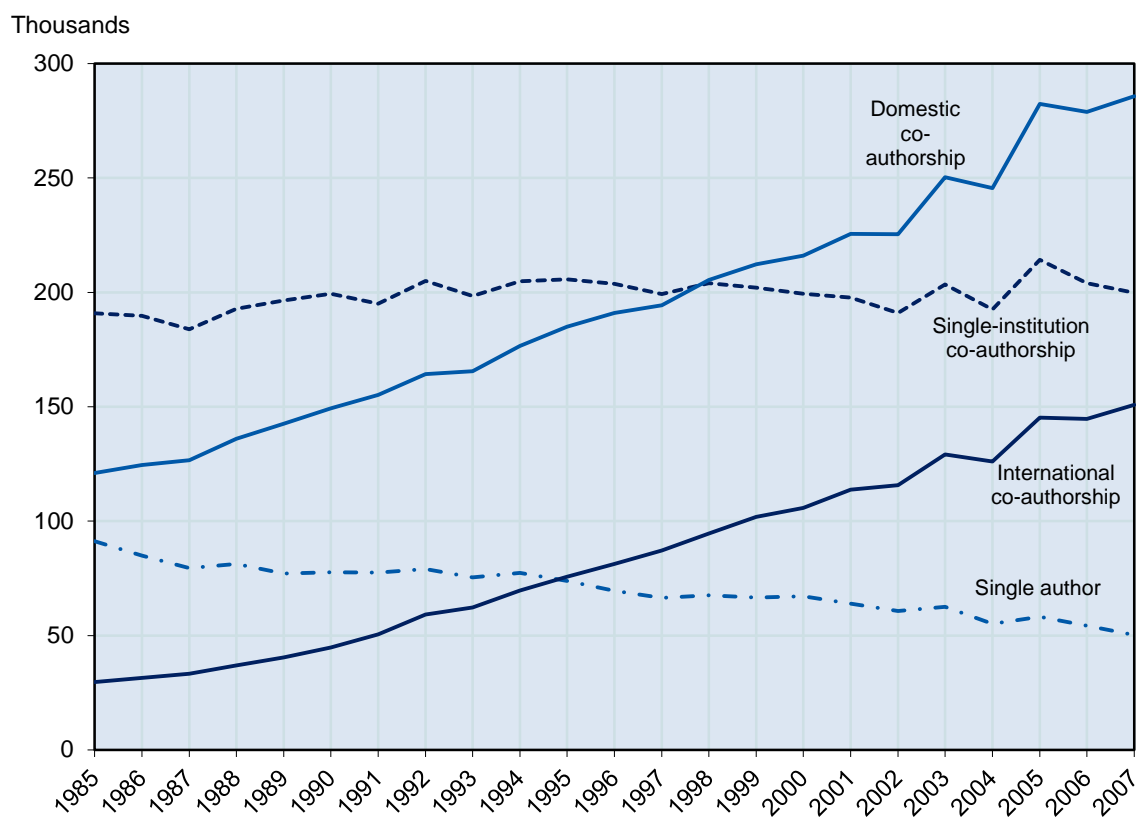


## Co-writing Strategies

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From analyses of authorship declarations in these at UWA, we know the majority of you publish during the course of candidature and most of these publications are co-authored. Authorship trends (see figure below from the OECD ([Economic Globalisation Indicators](#))) also suggest that later in your continuing research career you will be more likely to co-author papers than to write single author papers.



Trends in co-operation in science, 1985 - 2007

To best manage co-authorship, you may consider developing a collaborating and co-authoring strategy. Co-authorship is often easier the roles of the collaboration are discussed early and revisited a number of times during the co-writing process. You will need to adapt recommended strategies to the needs of the task and the strengths and weaknesses of you and your co-authors. The strategy will also need to be flexible to allow for change during the course of the collaboration.

The University of North Carolina Chapel Hill Writing Centre have a comprehensive overview of issues to consider when co-authoring:



Group writing <http://writingcenter.unc.edu/tips-and-tools/group-writing/>

Three conservation biologists provide a sample agreement for co-authors that they believe may prevent some common co-authoring problems:



Co-authors gone bad – how to avoid publishing conflicts  
<https://www.elsevier.com/connect/co-authors-gone-bad-how-to-avoid-publishing-conflicts>

Thomson, in her thesis blog, suggests a number of co-writing approaches, including approaches that are more common in the Arts & Humanities:



Co-writing strategies – or – what could possibly go wrong?  
<https://patthomson.net/2016/12/15/co-writing-strategies-or-what-could-possibly-go-wrong/>



Other useful articles

- Collaborating and Co-Authoring  
<https://www.insidehighered.com/advice/2009/04/06/collaborating-and-co-authoring>
- Co-authoring journal articles: roles and responsibilities  
<https://www.academiccoachingandwriting.org/academic-writing/academic-writing-blog/v-co-authoring-understanding-the-roles-and-responsibilities-of-contributin>
- Writing with a co-author: 6 smart strategies <https://editorsays.com/2016/11/08/writing-with-a-partner/>
- Co-writing - strategies for working with other people's words  
<https://patthomson.net/2017/05/01/co-writing-strategies-for-working-with-other-peoples-words/>
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Fine further details of the UWA GRS Writing Group, including advice sheets to download, here:  
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