

Department of Economics: Standard Milestones for PhD Students

Milestones	Criteria for progress	Deliverables	Deadline
Milestones M1: Confirmation and Progress to Year 2 (or equivalent for part-time students)	A: Assess training needs and knowledge required to undertake research project and complete the thesis.	 Choose two economics research training modules out of those offered. Pass (mark of 60 or more) each of these modules and in the research project proposal Identify a suitable supervisor. Use Moodle to complete Training Needs Analysis form in conjunction with supervisor. Plan for Proficio or other training courses to attend according to need in conjunction with supervisor. 	 By end of Term 3/confirmation board for full-time students. (Part time study is not available in Year 1)
	B: Choose research topic and demonstrate significance/impact of research.	 Research project proposal, including (dependent on subject area): Write research project proposal to include background information /questions to be answered. Methodological considerations. Objectives for each stage 	By Confirmation Board (Term 3 for full-time students. Part time study is not available in Year 1)
	C: Demonstrate understanding of chosen topic within the context of the field.	 Attend RSS seminars in Spring and Summer Terms and present the research project proposal in Summer Term RSS to research students and staff 	By Confirmation Board (Term 3 for full-time students. Part time study is not available in Year 1)
	D: Demonstrate the ability to produce work of	Evidence through the research project	By Confirmation Board (Term 3 for full-time



	the quality and quantity in order to complete within the four year maximum period.	proposal that academic writing is of standard and ability expected at PhD level, including adequate referencing and language skills.	students. Part time study is not available in Year 1)
	E: Demonstration of effective project management through the setting of research goals and prioritisation of activities.	 Create a detailed, realistic plan of work/ timetable for Year 2. Produce supervisory panel report written in a clear and self- reflective style 	By Confirmation Board (Term 3 for full-time students. Part time study is not available in Year 1)
M2: Progress from Year 2 to Year 3 (or equivalent for part-time students)	A: Review training needs and knowledge required to continue with research project and complete the thesis.	 Training Needs Analysis to be reviewed by supervisor Attend Proficio or other courses as previously planned and plan for further courses to attend, as appropriate. 	 Term 4 for full-time students. (Please consult Department for part-time students' deadline) By end of Term 6 for full-time students. (Please consult Department for part- time students' deadline)
	B: Demonstrate work of the quality and quantity expected at the end of Year 2	 Produce written research work of sufficient quality and quantity for two complete chapters or one complete chapter and one draft chapter (as specified in the supervisory panel report) commensurate with the standard required for a PhD in Economics 	By end of year Supervisory Panel (Term 6 for full-time students. Please consult Department for part-time students' deadline)
	C: Review significance and impact of research and articulate output.	 Present research in RSS during Spring Term Attend RSS during Autumn, Spring, and Summer Terms Examples of other possible activities: Present in workshops or conferences Write articles for 	By end of year Supervisory Panel (Term 6 for full-time students. Please consult Department for part-time students' deadline) Page 2 of 5



		peer-reviewed academic journals based on doctoral research.	
D: Demonstration of effective project management through the setting of research goals and prioritisation of activities.	•	Create a detailed, realistic plan of work/ timetable for Year 3. Produce supervisory panel report written in a clear and self- reflective style	By end of year Supervisory Panel (Term 6 for full-time students. Please consult Department for part-time students' deadline)



M3: Progress from Year 3 (or equivalent for part- time students) to Completion Year	A: Ability to reflect on skills and knowledge development and its application to the research project	-	Training Needs Analysis reviewed Completed written work of sufficient quality and quantity to provide clear evidence and they are in a position to write up the remainder of the thesis and submit within 12 months.	By end of year Supervisory Panel (Term 9 for full-time students. Please consult Department for part-time students' deadline)
	B: Demonstrate work of the quality and quantity expected at the end of Year 3 (or equivalent for part-time students)	•	Completed written work of sufficient quality and quantity for three complete dissertation chapters or two complete chapters and one draft chapter (including the the introduction and the conclusion section of the dissertation) and only minor work remains.	By end of year Supervisory Panel (Term 9 for full-time students. Please consult Department for part-time students' deadline)
	C: Review significance and impact of research and articulate output.	•	 Present research in RSS during Autumn Term Attend RSS during Autumn, Spring, and Summer Terms Examples of other possible activities: Present in workshops or conferences Write articles for peer-reviewed academic journals based on doctoral research. 	By end of year Supervisory Panel (Term 9 for full-time students. Please consult Department for part-time students' deadline)
	D: Demonstrate ability to complete within the maximum period.	•	Produce a realistic completion year plan. Produce supervisory panel report written in a clear and self- reflective style	By end of year Supervisory Panel (Term 9 for full-time students. Please consult Department for part-time students' deadline)
M4: During Completion Year	A: Clear evidence of progress towards	•	Completed final draft of thesis for	By interim Supervisory Panel prior to
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submission	supervisor(s)/ supervisory panel comment	submission/Term 2 of completion year (Term 11/12 for full-time students. Please consult Department for part-time students' deadline)
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