

Department of Psychology Milestones for PhD Students

Milestones	Criteria for progress	Deliverables	Deadline
M1: Progress to Year 2 (or equivalent for part-time students)	A: Assess training needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completion of a training needs analysis with the supervisor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Term 1 for full-time students; Term 3 for part-time students
	B: Choose/narrow down the research topic and demonstrate significance/impact of research.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit first 10,000 word report – content agreed with supervisor. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Term 3 for full-time students; Term 6 for part-time students
	C: Demonstration of effective project management through the setting of research goals and prioritisation of activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set milestones for year 2 Pass supervisory board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Term 3 for full-time students; Term 6 for part-time students Term 3 for full-time students; Term 6 for part-time students
	D: Demonstration of presentation skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Present at PGR conference 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Term 3 for full-time students; Term 6 for part-time students
M2: Confirmation	A: Demonstrate understanding of chosen topic within the context of the field.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collect and analyse data of one or more experiments 	By Confirmation Board (Dec, term 4 for full-time students ; term 7 for part-time students)
	B: Demonstrate the ability to produce work of the quality and quantity in order to complete within the four year maximum period.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previously submitted first 10,000 word report – content agreed with supervisor. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By Confirmation Board (Term 4 for full-time students; Term 7 for part-time students)
	C: Subject-specific milestones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pass PS910/PS912 (if not previously taken) 	By Confirmation Board (Term 3 for full-time students; Term 6 for part-time students)
M3: 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training Needs Analysis to be reviewed. Attend Proficio courses and plan for further courses to attend, as appropriate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of Year 2 (or equivalent for part-time students).

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	B: Demonstrate work of the quality and quantity expected at the end of Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Submit second 10,000 word report – content agreed with supervisor. 	By end of year Supervisory Board (Term 6 for full-time students; Term 12 for part-time students)
	C: Review significance and impact of research and articulate output.	Present at PGR conference	By end of year Supervisory Board (Term 6 for full-time students; Term 12 for part-time students)
	D: Demonstration of effective project management through the setting of research goals and prioritisation of activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ submit milestones for year 3 in June SB report ▪ submit thesis chapter headings in June SB report 	By end of year Supervisory Board (Term 6 for full-time students; Term 12 for part-time students)
M4: 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Training Needs Analysis reviewed 	By end of year Supervisory Board (Term 9 for full-time students; Term 18 for part-time students)
	B: Demonstrate work of the quality and quantity expected at the end of Year 3 (or equivalent for part-time students)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Research completed (experimental, empirical and theoretical work, where relevant) ▪ Produce 2 draft chapters/ papers 	By end of year Supervisory Board (Term 9 for full-time students; Term 18 for part-time students)
	C: Demonstrate ability to complete within the maximum period.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Produce a realistic completion year plan. ▪ Produce supervisory board report written in a clear and self-reflective style 	By end of year Supervisory Board (Term 9 for full-time students; Term 18 for part-time students)
M5: During Completion Year	A: Clear evidence of progress towards submission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Completed final draft of thesis for supervisor(s)/ supervisory board comment 	By interim Supervisory Board prior to submission/Term 2 of completion year (Term 11/12 for full-time students; Term 20/21 for part-time students)