



Department of Psychology Milestones for MPhil Students – 2019-20 Entry

Milestones	Criteria for progress	Deliverables	Deadline
M1: 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Training Needs Analysis to be completed.</li> <li>▪ Attend Proficio courses and plan for further courses to attend, as appropriate.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Term 1 for full-time students; Term 2 for part-time students</li> <li>▪ By end of Term 3 for full-time students; Term 6 for part-time students</li> </ul>
	B: Choose/narrow down the research topic and demonstrate significance/impact of research.	Submit 10,000 word report or equivalent including, for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Central research problem/questions to be answered.</li> <li>▪ Methodological considerations.</li> <li>▪ Feasibility Report – identifying sources, access and ethical considerations</li> <li>▪ Project plan, outlining objectives for each stage.</li> </ul>	By first Supervisory Panel. Term 1 for full-time students and Term 2/3 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"> <li>▪ Create a detailed, realistic plan of work/timetable for Year 2.</li> <li>▪ Produce Supervisory Panel report written in a clear and self-reflective style</li> <li>▪ Commence and continue data collection</li> </ul>	By end of Term 3 for full-time students; Term 6 for part-time students
	D: Demonstrate the ability to produce work of the quality and quantity in order to complete an MPhil within the 2 year standard period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Evidence that academic writing is of standard and ability expected at MPhil level, including adequate referencing and language skills</li> </ul>	By end of Term 3 for full-time students, Term 6 for part-time students
	E: Demonstration of presentation skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Present at PGR conference in May</li> <li>▪ Take up opportunities to present at academic conferences, where possible</li> </ul>	Term 3 for full-time students, Term 6 for part-time students.

M2: During Year 2 (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"> <li>▪ Training Needs Analysis to be reviewed</li> <li>▪ Attend Proficio courses and plan for further courses to attend, as appropriate</li> </ul>	Term 4 for full-time students, Term 6 for part-time students
	B: Demonstration of effective project management through the setting of research goals and prioritisation of activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Create a detailed realistic completion plan</li> <li>▪ Produce Supervisory Panel report written in a clear and self-reflective style</li> </ul>	By Supervisory Panel (Term 4 for full-time students; Term 6 for part-time students)
	C: Demonstrate work of the quality and quantity expected for an MPhil at the end of Year 2 (or equivalent for part-time students)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Complete data collection and analyse data</li> <li>▪ Submit first complete version of thesis to supervisor</li> <li>▪ Produce Supervisory Panel report written in a clear and self-reflective style</li> <li>▪</li> </ul>	By Supervisory Panel (Term 4 for full-time students; Term 6 for part-time students)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed final draft of thesis for supervisor(s)/ supervisory panel comment</li> </ul>	By end of year Supervisory Panel (Term 6 for full-time students; Term 12 for part-time students)
	D: Demonstration of presentation skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Present at PGR conference in May</li> <li>▪ Take up opportunities to present at academic conferences, where possible</li> </ul>	Term 6 for full-time students, Term 12 for part-time students
M3: Completion period (if needed)	A: Clear plan to submission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Timeline of work needing to take place before submission</li> <li>▪ Submission date agreed</li> </ul>	Timeline agreed by Supervisory Panel