## Faculty of Science and Health

Department of Life Sciences Milestones for MSD Students - 2020-21 Entry

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| CCM1: During year 1 | A: Assess training needs and knowledge required to undertake research project and complete the thesis. | • Training Needs Analysis to be completed.  
• Attend Proficio courses and plan for further courses to attend, as appropriate. | • Term 1 for full-time students; Term 2 for part-time students;  
• By end of Term 3 for full-time students;  
Term 6 for part-time students |
| | A1: Assess Health and Safety and ethics | Consider Health and Safety and ethics of project | • Term 1 for full-time students; Term 2 for part-time students; |
| | B: Clarify research topic and demonstrate an understanding of topic and relevance to wider research | • A brief description of the research topic  
• Present the aims and hypotheses of your research project, together with an explanation of your approach | • Term 1 for full-time students; Term 2 for part-time students; |
| | C: Knowledge and understanding of the Literature | • 5000 to 10000-word Literature Review / Introduction to Thesis | • Term 2 for full-time students; Term 4 for part-time students |
| | D: Demonstrate work of the quality and quantity expected at the end of Year 1 | • 5000 to 10000-word Literature Review / Introduction to Thesis (updated from previous submission)  
• 3000-word Draft Chapter  
• 10-minute presentation of research | • By end of year Supervisory Board  
(Term 3 for full-time students; Term 6 for part-time students) |
| | E: Demonstrate effective project management through the setting of research goals and prioritisation of activities. | • Thesis plan, timetable of remaining work and writing up to submission | • Term 1 for full-time students; Term 2 for part-time students; |
| | F: Subject-specific milestones | Poster presentation at Graduate Forum | • By end of year Supervisory Board  
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Assess whether the planned research requires completion of the new COVID Risk Assessment for PGR student research and placement activities. All such risk assessments should be discussed at subsequent SPs and RSPBs.

| If required: M2: Request to enter Completion Period | A: Clear evidence of progress towards submission | • Completed final draft for submission  
• Timetable of work needed before submission  
• Submission date agreed | • Timeline agreed at Completion Period meeting(s) |

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