

**Faculty of Science and Health**  
**Department of Life Sciences Milestones for MSD Students - 2020-21 Entry**

<b>Milestones</b>	<b>Criteria for progress</b>	<b>Deliverables</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
CCM1: During year 1	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>
	A1: Assess Health and Safety and ethics	Consider Health and Safety and ethics of project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Term 1 for full-time students; Term 2 for part-time students;</li> </ul>
	B: Clarify research topic and demonstrate an understanding of topic and relevance to wider research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A brief description of the research topic</li> <li>• Present the aims and hypotheses of your research project, together with an explanation of your approach</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Term 1 for full-time students; Term 2 for part-time students;</li> </ul>
	C: Knowledge and understanding of the Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5000 to 10000-word Literature Review / Introduction to Thesis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Term 2 for full-time students; Term 4 for part-time students</li> </ul>
	D: Demonstrate work of the quality and quantity expected at the end of Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5000 to 10000-word Literature Review / Introduction to Thesis (updated from previous submission)</li> <li>• 3000-word Draft Chapter</li> <li>• 10-minute presentation of research</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By end of year Supervisory Board (Term 3 for full-time students; Term 6 for part-time students)</li> </ul>
	E: Demonstrate effective project management through the setting of research goals and prioritisation of activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thesis plan, timetable of remaining work and writing up to submission</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Term 1 for full-time students; Term 2 for part-time students;</li> </ul>
	F: Subject-specific milestones	Poster presentation at Graduate Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By end of year Supervisory Board (Term 3 for full-time students; Term 6 for part-time students)</li> </ul>



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If required: M2: Request to enter Completion Period	A: Clear evidence of progress towards submission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Completed final draft for submission</li><li>• Timetable of work needed before submission</li><li>• Submission date agreed</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Timeline agreed at Completion Period meeting(s)</li></ul>
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