### Faculty of Science and Health

**SRES: Standard Milestones for Professional Doctorate Students – 2021-22 Entry**

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| 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. | ▪ Training Needs Analysis to be completed.  
▪ Attend Proficio courses and plan for further courses to attend, as appropriate. | Term 1 for all students |
| | B: Choose/narrow down the research topic and demonstrate significance/impact of research. | Research Project Proposal, including (dependent on subject area):  
▪ Write central research problem/questions to be answered.  
▪ Methodological considerations.  
▪ Feasibility Report – identifying sources, access and ethical considerations  
▪ Create project plan, outlining objectives for each stage. | By Supervisory Panel (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. | ▪ Create a detailed, realistic plan of work/timetable for Year 2.  
▪ Produce supervisory panel report written in a clear and self-reflective style | By Supervisory Panel (Term 3 for full-time students; Term 6 for part-time students) |
| | D: Subject-specific milestones | ▪ N/A | |

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.
| 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.  
• Attend Proficio courses and plan for further courses to attend, as appropriate. | • By end of Term 6 for full-time students; Term 12 for part-time students |
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|  | B: Demonstrate work of the quality and quantity expected at the end of Year 2 | • Produce 3000 word report  
• Report on research undertaken to date | By end of year Supervisory Panel (Term 6 for full-time students; Term 12 for part-time students) |
|  | C: Review significance and impact of research and articulate output. | For example:  
• Present research to students and staff at seminars/conference | By end of year Supervisory Panel (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. | • 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; Term 12 for part-time students) |
|  | E: Subject-specific milestones | • Participate in the SRES Conference  
• To complete all taught modules | By end of academic year |
| M3: During Year 3 (or equivalent for part-time students) | A: Ability to reflect on skills and knowledge development and its application to the research project | • Training Needs Analysis reviewed | By Supervisory Panel (Term 8 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) | • Research completed (experimental, empirical and theoretical work, where relevant) | By Supervisory Panel (Term 8 for full-time students; Term 18 for part-time students) |
|  | C: Demonstrate clear evidence of progress towards submission | • Completed final draft of thesis for supervisor(s)/supervisory panel comment  
• Produce supervisory panel report written in a clear and self-reflective style | By Supervisory Panel (Term 8 for full-time students; Term 18 for part-time students) |
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<td>If required (for P/T students only)</td>
<td>▪ Timeline of work needing to take place before submission</td>
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<td>M4: During Completion Period</td>
<td>A: Clear evidence of progress towards submission</td>
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