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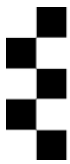
Postgraduate Research milestones are used to ensure students are making sufficient progress during their studies, and to provide a supportive framework to guide students through the various stages of their research. The Milestones should also help to keep students on track to submit within the appropriate period. PGR supervisors should talk through the relevant milestones during supervisory meetings and they should be referred to on a regular basis.

Supervisory Panels and Research Students' Progress Boards will use the milestones to reflect on the level of progress being made, ahead of making a recommendation. Whilst the milestones are specific for each department and type of course, it is recognised that every research journey is different, and that whilst the milestones provide an overarching framework of expectations, a degree of flexibility should be given, based on the trajectory and scope of research.

Students and supervisors are encouraged to supplement these milestones with individual research plans which take into account the specifics of an individual research project and the individual circumstances of the PGR student.

Year 1

Milestone	Requirement	Term to undertake work <i>(To be used as a guide only)</i>
Ahead of the first Supervisory Panel		
M1.1	Assess training needs and knowledge required to undertake programme. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Training Needs Analysis to be completed. ▪ Review Proficio courses 	1
M1.2	Choose/narrow down the research topic Research Project Proposal, including (dependent on subject area): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identify potential research problems/questions to be answered. ▪ Identify interest, sources and access to data and ethical considerations ▪ Explore potential methodological approaches to the topic 	3
M1.3	Demonstration of effective project management through the setting of research goals and prioritisation of activities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Create a plan of work/ timetable for Year 2. ▪ Produce 500-word supervisory panel report written in a clear and self-reflective style. 	3
M1.4	Subject-specific milestones Professional Practice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Engagement with SE901 ▪ Successfully complete SE901 Research Preparation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Engagement with PG research methods module ▪ Successfully complete PG research methods module ▪ Present poster at SRES Annual Staff-Student Research Conference 	4



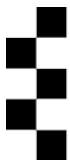
The Supervisory Panel will make a recommendation to the Research Students' Progress Board, ahead of the next academic year. Further information regarding Supervisory Panels and Research Students' Progress Boards can be found here: <https://www.essex.ac.uk/student/postgraduate-research/pgr-progress>

Year 2

Milestone	Requirement	Term to undertake work <i>(To be used as a guide only)</i>
Ahead of the second Supervisory Panel		
M2.1	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. 	4
M2.2	Demonstrate work of the quality and quantity expected at the end of Year 2	6 - by Supervisory Panel
M2.3	Review significance and impact of research and articulate output. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Present poster at the SRES Annual Staff- Student Research Conference 	7
M2.3	Demonstration of effective project management through the setting of research goals and prioritisation of activities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a detailed, realistic plan of work/ timetable for Year 3. Agree the research topic / question for thesis. Write a central research problem/question to be answered. Identify interest, sources and access to data and ethical considerations Produce supervisory panel report written in a clear and self-reflective style 	6 - by Supervisory Panel
M2.4	Subject-specific milestones <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Present poster at the SRES Annual Staff- Student Research Conference Successfully complete SE902 plus research module(s) equivalent to 30 credits 	7
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Year 3

Milestone	Requirement	Term to undertake work <i>(To be used as a guide only)</i>
Ahead of the third Supervisory Panel		
M3.1	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 	7
M3.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrate work of the quality and quantity expected at the end of Year 3 Explore potential methodological approaches to the topic. 	9 – by Supervisory Panel



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Produce 3000-word supervisory panel report Evidence of written work of doctoral level Literature review draft 	
M3.3	Demonstrate clear evidence of progress towards submission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Produce supervisory panel report. Create a detailed, realistic plan of work/ timetable for Year 4 	9 – by Supervisory Panel
M3.4	Subject-specific milestones. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Structure of thesis determined Ethical approval applied for Present thesis research at the SRES Conference 	9
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Year 4

Milestone	Requirement	Term to undertake work <i>(To be used as a guide only)</i>
Ahead of Fourth supervisory panel		
M4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review training needs and knowledge required to continue with a research project and complete the thesis Training Needs Analysis to be reviewed. Attend Proficio courses and plan for further courses to attend, as appropriate. 	10.
M 4.2	Demonstrate work of the quality and quantity expected at the end of Year 4. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Produce 3000-word supervisory panel report Literature review completed and / study draft 	12 - by Supervisory Panel
M 4.3	Demonstration of effective project management through the setting of research goals and prioritisation of activities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a detailed, realistic plan of work/ timetable for Year 5 Produce 3000-word supervisory panel report 	12 - by Supervisory Panel
M 4.4	Subject-specific milestones <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clearly articulated structure for completed thesis Submit draft – equivalent to 70% of overall thesis. Present research to students and staff at seminars/conference	12
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Year 5

Milestone	Requirement	Term to undertake work <i>(To be used as a guide only)</i>
Ahead of fifth supervisory panel		
M 5.1	Review training needs and knowledge required to continue with a 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. 	13.



M 5.2	Demonstrate work of the quality and quantity expected at the end of Year 5. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research completed Completed final draft of thesis Submit approval of thesis title form. 	15
M 5.3	Demonstration of effective project management through the setting of research goals and prioritisation of activities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed final draft of thesis for supervisor(s)/ supervisory panel comment. 	15 - by Supervisory Panel
M 5.4	Subject-specific milestones <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Present research to students and staff at seminars/conference 	15
The supervisory panel will either confirm to the Research Student Progress Board that the student is ready to submit their thesis, or recommend that a period of completion is required (see below).		

Year 6 Completion

If, at the 5th supervisory Panel, a student isn't on track to submit their thesis by the end of year 5, a recommendation for a period of completion can be requested from the RSPB, for approval by the Faculty Dean (Postgraduate)

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C 6.1	During completion period. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Timeline of work needing to take place before submission Submission data agreed Submit approval of thesis title form. 	Timeline agreed by Supervisory panel