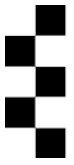


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Milestones	Deliverables	Deadline
M1: Agreement on research topic and assessment of training needs and knowledge required to undertake research project and complete the thesis.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A brief description of the general research topic. ▪ Training Needs Analysis to be completed. ▪ Attend Proficio courses and plan for further courses to attend, as appropriate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ By end of Term 1 ▪ By end of Term 1 ▪ By end of Term 3
M2: Clarify research topic and demonstrate an understanding of topic and relevance to wider research	<p>Research Project Proposal, including (dependent on subject area):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Write central research problem/questions to be answered. ▪ Identify the techniques and protocols to be used including feasibility and access to core facilities. ▪ Methodological considerations. ▪ Feasibility Report – identifying sources, access, Health and Safety aspects and ethical considerations ▪ Create project plan, outlining objectives for each stage. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ By Term 3
M3: Demonstrate understanding of chosen topic within the context of the field.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Critical Literature Review (where relevant) ▪ Formulate a critique of the Literature Review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ By end of year 1 SP and RSPB –(Term 3)
M4a: Demonstrate the ability to produce work of the quality and quantity in order to complete an MPhil. M4b: Progress to Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Evidence that academic writing is of standard and ability expected at MPhil level, including adequate referencing and language skills. ▪ Refined statement of the work to be undertaken, its aims and significance, especially its novelty and timeliness ▪ <i>Present poster at Graduate Forum</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ By end of year 1 SP and RSPB –(Term 3)
M5: 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 2. ▪ Produce supervisory panel report written in an appropriate subject specific style 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ By end of year 1 SP and RSPB –(Term 3).
M6: Assessment of training needs and knowledge required to undertake research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Training Needs Analysis to be reviewed. ▪ Attend Proficio courses and plan for further courses to attend, as 	<p>Term 4</p> <p>End of Term 6</p>



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project and complete the thesis.	appropriate. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Updated annual report.	
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<p>M7: Demonstrate work of the quality and clear evidence of progress towards submission for an MPhil at the end of Year 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Research completed (experimental, empirical and theoretical work, where relevant) ▪ Produce 2 draft chapters including results and discussion ▪ Produce a realistic completion year plan (if needed) ▪ Produce supervisory panel report written in an appropriate subject specific style 	<p>By end of year Supervisory Panel (Term 6)</p>
<p>M8: Subject-specific milestones</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Oral presentation at Graduate Forum</i> 	
<p>Completion Year (if needed) M9: Clear evidence of progress towards submission</p>	<p>Completed final draft of thesis or sufficient chapters for supervisor(s) comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Evidence of progression to be considered at Supervisory Panel. 	<p>By Supervisory Panel prior to submission</p>

The deadlines above are for full-time students. For part-time students term 1 equates to term 2, term 2 to term 4 and term 3 to term 6