

## Department of Psychology Milestones for PhD Students – 2018-2019 Entry

Milestones	Criteria for progress	Deliverables	Deadline
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.	<ul> <li>Training Needs Analysis to be completed.</li> <li>Attend Proficio courses and plan for further courses to attend, as appropriate.</li> </ul>	<ul> <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>
	B: Choose/narrow down the research topic and demonstrate significance/impact of research.	<ul> <li>Submit 10,000 word report or equivalent including, for example:</li> <li>Central research problem/questions to be answered.</li> <li>Methodological considerations.</li> <li>Feasibility Report – identifying sources, access and ethical considerations.</li> <li>Project plan, outlining objectives for each stage.</li> </ul>	By end of 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.	<ul> <li>Create a detailed, realistic plan of work/ timetable for Year 2.</li> <li>Produce Supervisory Panel report written in a clear and self- reflective style.</li> <li>Commence data collection, if appropriate.</li> </ul>	By end of Term 3 for full-time students; Term 6 for part-time students
	D: Demonstration of presentation skills.	<ul> <li>Present at PGR conference in May.</li> <li>Take up opportunities to present at academic conferences, where possible.</li> </ul>	Term 3 for full-time students, Term 6 for part-time students.
M2: Confirmation	A: Demonstrate understanding of chosen topic within the context of the field.	<ul> <li>Collect and analyse data of one or more experiments.</li> </ul>	By Confirmation Panel (Term 4 for full-time students; Term 7 for part-time students).
	B: Demonstrate the ability to produce work of the quality and	<ul> <li>Evidence that academic writing is of standard and</li> </ul>	By Confirmation Panel (Term 4 for full-time students; Term 7 for

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	quantity in order to complete within the three year standard PhD period (six years for part-time students).	<ul> <li>ability expected at PhD level, including adequate referencing and language skills.</li> <li>Submit/discuss <i>draft</i> of 2<sup>nd</sup> 10,000 word report to/with supervisor.</li> </ul>	part-time students)
	C: Demonstrate knowledge of statistics for psychologists.	<ul> <li>Pass PS946-7-AU and PS947-7-SP, where required.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Term 3</li> </ul>
M3: 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.	<ul> <li>Training Needs Analysis to be reviewed.</li> <li>Attend Proficio courses and plan for further courses to attend, as appropriate.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Term 4 for full-time students; Term 7 for part-time students</li> <li>By end of Term 6 for full-time students; Term 12 for part- time students.</li> </ul>
	B: Demonstrate work of the quality and quantity expected at the end of Year 2.	<ul> <li>Submit second 10,000 word report or equivalent.</li> </ul>	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.	<ul> <li>For example:</li> <li>Write journal articles</li> <li>Take up opportunities to present at academic conferences</li> <li>Present at PGR conference in May (compulsory)</li> </ul>	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.	<ul> <li>Create a detailed, realistic plan of work/ timetable for Year 3 which demonstrates the ability to submit within the three year standard PhD period (six years for part- time students).</li> <li>Produce Supervisory Panel report written in a clear and self- reflective style</li> <li>Continue data collection</li> </ul>	By end of year Supervisory Panel (Term 6 for full-time students; Term 12 for part-time students).
M4: Year 3 (or equivalent for part-time	A: Ability to reflect on skills and knowledge	<ul> <li>Training Needs Analysis reviewed</li> </ul>	By the Term 7 progress board for full-time



students)	development and its application to the research project		students; Term 15 for part-time students.
	B: Demonstrate work of the quality and quantity expected when nearing submission	<ul> <li>Complete data collection and analyse data</li> <li>Submit first complete version of thesis to supervisor</li> </ul>	By the Term 7 progress board for full-time students; Term 15 for part-time students By end of Term 8 for full-time students, Term 16 for part-time students
	C: Clear evidence of progress towards submission.	<ul> <li>Submit completed final draft of thesis to supervisor(s).</li> <li>Produce supervisory panel report written in a clear and self- reflective style and outlining timeline of work needing to take place before submission.</li> <li>Submission date agreed.</li> </ul>	By Supervisory Panel end of Term 9 for full- time students; Term 18 for part-time students.
If required: M5: Request to enter Completion period	A: Clear plan to submission.	<ul> <li>Timeline of work needing to take place before submission.</li> <li>Submission date agreed.</li> </ul>	Timeline agreed by Supervisory Panel

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