

Higher degree research candidature milestones - MPhil

The following timeline shows the sequence of significant candidature milestones for a full-time MPhil student. They are designed to encourage timely completion, that is, within the ideal timeframe of 18 months.¹ The milestones highlighted in **bold** are the approved University-wide academic progress reporting milestones, for which there are set dates (see also the lines of academic responsibility on page 6 of this code of practice).

Stage of candidature	Standard milestones for full-time MPhil candidature
Year 1	
Commencement	Enrolment and appointment of provisional supervisor
Within 1 month	Confirmation of supervisor and panel chair
Within 3 months	Completion of Graduate School and local area induction programs
3-6 months	Submission of research plan for the 12 months ahead Submission of research proposal for consideration by the University's ethics committee Meeting of student with supervisor(s)
6-9 months	Submission of thesis proposal for review Submission of 1st research progress report, together with updated research plan To be produced in consultation with, and approved by supervisor(s)
Year 2	
16 months	Notification of intent to submit (at least two months before submission) Identification of examiners
18 months	Submission of thesis for examination

Candidates who do not submit their thesis within 18 months must continue to submit research plans and research progress reports every 12 months. The maximum period of entitlement for an MPhil under the Research Training Scheme is 2 years full-time. After that time, candidates must apply for an extension of their program.

¹ There may be variations in the timing of these milestones for candidates in different programs. Details of any such program variations should be clearly identified in local area HDR program documentation.