



Milestones

UQ Research higher degree candidates progress through a milestone, or development based system.

The three milestones are:

Milestone 1: Confirmation of Candidature

Milestone 2: Mid Candidature Review

Milestone 3: Thesis Review

At each milestone, the candidate receives formative advice about the direction, scope, planning and feasibility of the project; the school reviews the resources that are needed to sustain the candidature (the advisory team, technical support, physical and financial resources); and the university is assured by the school's review that a continuation of the candidature is likely to lead to an examinable thesis in about 3-4 years full-time for a PhD, and 1-2 years full time for an MPhil, for which the student, the school, and the university are funded.

The purpose of the milestone reviews are to ensure that research is going to plan, to identify any problems that may be impeding progress, and to give advice on how these may be overcome. It should not be seen as an examination, but should be viewed as a developmental exercise, designed to maximise the likelihood of successful completion of candidature.

Note: FTE is full time enrolment