

3 MONTHS



RESEARCH PLAN

- ✓ Assess project potential, ensure good student-supervisor communication is in place.
- ✓ 2 page document, which should include methodological approach, potential difficulties and back-up strategies. Include Gantt-chart for timeline of your proposed research.

12 MONTHS



EARLY STAGE ASSESSMENT

- ✓ 20 page report and an oral exam.
- ✓ To confirm that you understand the problem you are researching and are aware of the associated literature, and that you have a realistic plan and schedule.
- ✓ Submit ESA report for plagiarism similarity check via BB VLE

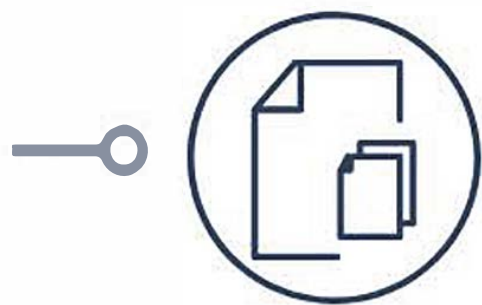
Written report which should include the following sections:

- 1) The research problem and scope of the project
- 2) Literature review: a summary of the relevant literature
- 3) Results to date: work which has already been carried out
- 4) A clear and realistic research plan and schedule: how you plan to carry out your PhD work including timeline

Presentation/oral exam (30 mins):

- Attended by supervisors and independent assessor
- Presentation may be in any suitable format (PowerPoint or other appropriate media)

18-24 MONTHS



LATE STAGE REVIEW

- ✓ A second review of doctoral research ability
- ✓ Student prepares and delivers a presentation of the research progress (approx. 30 min) and of the thesis structure.
- ✓ The presentation has to clearly show progress compared to the ESA and research to be addressed in the remaining months with a plan for completion.
- ✓ The thesis structure will outline chapters and main sections. Student also brings along any published research articles (this is expected, but not a requirement).

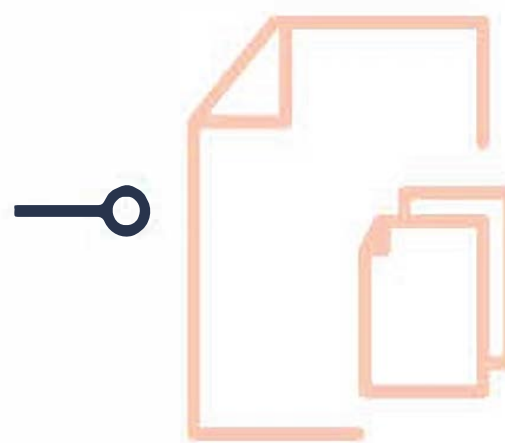
36 MONTHS



ENTERING INTO WRITING UP

- ✓ Confirm your intentions for your final year. We recommend all students at this stage to choose Enter into
- ✓ Completing Research Status (CRS)
- ✓ All original research completed, final year spent writing up results and thesis.
- ✓ Small writing up fee only (this is £200 for academic year 2020-21)

48 MONTHS



THESIS SUBMISSION

- ✓ Submit max 100,000 word PhD thesis by your 48 month deadline.