School of Languages and Cultures
School Milestone Requirements: Mid-Candidature Review

All requirements should be completed by the due date for milestone attainment.
At this milestone, the candidate's progression towards completing the project is monitored to ensure that:
- Completion of the project is on track within the timeframe; and
- The candidate's research and other professional skills are developing appropriately.

Oral Presentation (should be scheduled on one of the quarterly SLC milestone seminar days*)

The Oral Presentation* is a formal seminar presentation to the School

- 20 minutes, followed by 10 minutes question time;
- Should be clear, concise and free of jargon, appropriate for the audience; and
- Should overview the project:
  - Explain project in brief;
  - What is done and what remains to be done;
  - Timeline for completion of work;
  - Outline key concepts and findings of thesis in chapters; and
  - Outline the planned chapter structure

*Note: As an alternative to the Milestone Oral Presentation, candidates may give a conference presentation, either on the milestone day or at a conference. This can be a special topic derived from their research or an overview of their project and findings to date. The supervisory team must be able to verify the student's performance in the oral presentation if it is presented outside the School.

Written documentation (should be submitted two weeks before the interview)

(1) Portfolio
The candidate submits an updated version of the portfolio completed for the Confirmation milestone. The portfolio should indicate the date of the successful completion of the online Research Integrity Module.

(2) Milestone document
A 2,000 word summary of progress since confirmation outlining:
- A statement of progress outlining what is done and what remains to be done
  - Timeline for completion of work
- The document should demonstrate:
  - Intellectual engagement with the topic and scholarship in the field;
  - A cogent thesis plan;
  - Evidence that data collection is largely complete; and
  - Acceptable academic prose
The candidate may also be advised to submit a sample of academic writing from the thesis.

Interview
The interview will be 30 - 45 minutes in length. The PGC, committee members (Principal/Associate Advisors and the Reader) and student discuss the committee members' reports to ensure the project is on track and viable.

- Resource implications are checked;
- The student and the supervisors are also interviewed separately to give feedback on the functioning of the advisory team and any issues that may need to be addressed; and
- The committee makes a recommendation about the milestone and informs the candidate as to whether s/he should apply for Milestone Attainment or Milestone Extension through the Candidate Management Portal and if there are any other actions that need to be taken.