

School of Languages and Cultures

School Milestone Requirements: Mid-Candidature Review

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.

Milestone document (should be submitted two weeks before the seminar and interview)

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

Seminar:

The Oral Presentation is a formal seminar presentation to the School

- 30 minutes including 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: The candidate can choose to present their work at any School seminar or conference presentation. 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.

Interview:

The interview will be 30 - 45 minutes in length scheduled to take place after the oral presentation on the same day if it is presented at the School. Participants discuss committee members feedback to ensure the project is on track and viable.

- Resource implications are checked;
- The student and the supervisors are 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 Mid-Candidature and informs the student.

Academic Portfolio: Submit updated Academic Portfolio with the milestone document. Please use the updated form that includes the date of your completion of the Research Integrity Module (available when you log on to Blackboard)

Note that the Research Integrity Module must be completed before the milestone can be awarded.