

# **SCHEDULE 1: Graduate Research Candidature Milestones**

## **1 PURPOSE**

This Schedule sets out the candidature milestones for graduate research students [students in Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Combined Master/PhD in Psychology, Master of Philosophy (MPhil), Cotutelle and Joint PhD with approved partner university, and Master of Research (MRes)] enrolled at Macquarie University.

The Schedules must be read in conjunction with the [Graduate Research Continuation Policy](#) and [Procedure](#).

## **2 SCHEDULE**

### **2.1 Candidature Milestone Documents**

All graduate research students are required to complete mandatory candidature milestones to demonstrate their research capabilities and that they are progressing their candidature at a satisfactory level to continue in the degree.

<b>Milestone Documents</b>	<b>MRes</b>	<b>MPhil</b>	<b>PhD*</b>
Confirmation of Candidature (CoC)	3 months after commencement	4 – 6 months after commencement	6 – 8 months after commencement
Annual Progress Report (APR)	Not required	Every 12 months on a date specified by the GRA	Every 12 months on a date specified by the GRA
Faculty or Department Progress Report	Faculty-specific requirements are detailed <a href="#">online</a> .	Faculty-specific requirements are detailed <a href="#">online</a> .	Faculty-specific requirements are detailed <a href="#">online</a> .
Progress Review Action Plan	With an Interim Progress Report or Panel Progress Review Report	With an Interim Progress Report or Panel Progress Review Report	With an Interim Progress Report or Panel Progress Review Report
Interim Progress Report	1 month after agreement of Action Plan in accordance with the Procedure (Clause 15)	2 months after agreement of Action Plan in accordance with the Procedure (Clause 15)	3 months after agreement of Action Plan in accordance with the Procedure (Clause 15)
Panel Review Progress Report	1 month after unsatisfactory outcome of a progress review or confirmation of candidature	2 months after unsatisfactory outcome of a progress review or confirmation of candidature	3 months after unsatisfactory outcome of a progress review or confirmation of candidature
Thesis Examination	10 months after commencement**	24 months after commencement**	36 months after commencement*** #

Timelines above are based on full-time enrolment and part-time equivalent (PTE) applies for part-time enrolled students.

\* Cotutelle and Joint PhD students must complete the APR milestone unless otherwise specified in their Agreement.

\*\* The thesis submission date will be confirmed at time of enrolment.

# Students completing a Doctor of Philosophy combined with the Master of Clinical Psychology, the Master of Clinical Neuropsychology or the Master of Organisational Psychology are required to complete the Thesis Examination milestone 48 months after commencement (or part-time equivalent).

## **2.2 Milestone requirements**

Confirmation of Candidature and Thesis Examination Milestone requirements are detailed in the following:

- Schedule 2 – Confirmation of Candidature; and
- Graduate Research Thesis Preparation, Submission and Examination [Policy](#) and [Procedure](#).

## **2.3 Non-completion of milestones**

Failure to complete the candidature milestones, or where they fail to engage in the process, may lead to cessation of enrolment as outlined in the [Graduate Research Variations to Candidature Policy](#).