

PhD timeline

Time scale	Your PGR	You	Materials/ Websites	Policies
Before arrival		Good Supervisory Practice Framework * Competency Benchmark (ukcge.ac.uk)	Recruitment and Selection * UKCGE Research Supervision Recognition Programme Supervisory Relationships with Candidates * UKCGE Research Supervision Recognition Programme	
First three months	Settle in and prepare an initial research plan with supervisor. Your research plan gives a statement of the general topic area, an initial formulation of the issues to be addressed, a list of principal references on which the work will draw, and objectives for the first year of study.	Research Log activated Field of Study agreed Assignment of Supervisors Welcome events including Doctoral College, RDO Timetable for supervisory meetings (see monitoring points) and progress reports Introduce the PhD researcher to the supervisory team (as appropriate) and discuss expectations Induct the PhD researcher into the Research Group(s) aligned with research project	Expectations of PhD Researcher/ Supervisory team Departmental Calendar and communications PhD Supervision Supervision & Progressions Submission Pastoral Support for PGRs Doctoral College Webpages DC Welcome Webpage Researcher Development webpages & Skills Forge Students Union University Wellbeing PhD Wellbeing	Reg. 38 Research Degrees (warwick.ac.uk) Guide to examinations for higher degrees by research (warwick.ac.uk) Responsibilities of Supervisors (warwick.ac.uk) Annual Leave policy Freedom of Speech PGR Hardship Fund (warwick.ac.uk) Student registration, attendance & progress Student Records FAQs (warwick.ac.uk) Monitoring Points

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			<p>Helping PGRs in distress (RDO guide)</p> <p>Library</p> <p>International PGRs</p> <p>Accommodation</p> <p>Starting a doctorate — Vitae Website</p> <p>Supervision and key relationships — Vitae Website</p> <p>ITServices IT Training</p> <p>Professional Development planning online course</p>	
Between 3-6 months	<p>Agreement of thesis work plan, research method and timetable</p> <p>Development of PGR as a researcher</p>	<p>Support the PhD researcher in developing the 'Initial Assessment of Progress' report (<i>typically after 100 days for full-time and 200 days for part-time researchers?</i>)</p> <p>See Responsible Innovation</p> <p>Discuss the need for ethical approval and support the PhD researcher in obtaining any such approval required</p> <p>Agreement of and planning of attendance at Researcher</p>	<p>Departmental/ Discipline specific training</p> <p>RDO Writing Support</p> <p>Assessing Feasibility</p> <p>Research and Impact Service</p> <p>Applying for Ethics</p> <p>Responsible Innovation (warwick.ac.uk)</p> <p>Research Data Management Plan</p>	<p>Research Integrity Training</p> <p>Research Code of Practice</p>

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		<p>Development Programme and arrangements made for any further required study</p> <p>Research Code of Practice Research Integrity</p>		
By 6 months	You can expect to spend your first 6 months undertaking literature searches and defining your project	Research Log updated with progress report.	Consideration of teaching Students (warwick.ac.uk) Preparing to Teach (warwick.ac.uk)	Human Resources GTA page
Before 12 months	<p>Submission of upgrade report by PGR</p> <p>Submission of Professional Development review</p>	<p>Agreement of upgrade report & upgrade meeting to confirm.</p> <p>Transfer of registration from MPhil to PhD (between 9–12 for FT and 18-24 for PT months)</p> <p>Discussion of APP PGR teaching qualification</p>	APP PGR (warwick.ac.uk)	Upgrade regulations Upgrades from MPhil to PhD (warwick.ac.uk) Professional Development Guide
By 24 months	<p>Progress monitoring. Second year annual review Professional Development Statement</p> <p>Research active, potential article from Literature review, attending conferences</p>	Submission and assessment of second year annual review	During your doctorate: the middle phase — Vitae Website	Reg 38.6 Progress Review Professional Development Guide

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By 36 months	End of active research period and start of writing up of thesis	Agreement of thesis structure and strict timetable for thesis writing		Thesis regulations Thesis requirements
By 36 months		Submit entry for examination form Submit nomination of examiners form Career Development	Form for the nomination of examiners ResearchProfessional (warwick.ac.uk) My Profile (warwick.ac.uk) Student Opportunity RDO Next Step Careers Warwick Research Archive Portal (wrap)	Guide to examinations for higher degrees by research
	Thesis submission. Your thesis is your account of the work you have done, which should form a distinct contribution to the knowledge of the subject and show evidence of originality by the discovery of new facts and/or the exercise of independent critical power. The thesis is	Complete Research Log Transfer to Completing Research Student status Submission of thesis		Submission guidelines & policies Online Viva Guidelines Thesis submission Guidelines Both found at Guide to examinations for higher degrees by research (warwick.ac.uk) Viva by Video guidance for Students Viva by video conference – guidance for staff
Trouble shooting & policies <u>Temporary Withdrawal</u> - pause registration for between 28 days to 2 years. <u>Authorised Absence (visa holders)</u> - short term respite from study where Temporary Withdrawal may not be desirable.				

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[Resume Study](#) - prepare to re-join active study after a period of temporary withdrawal.

[Change Mode of Attendance](#) - change between full-time and part-time (60%).

[Extend Registration](#) - request additional time to submit for examination.

[Specific advice for visa holders.](#)

[Permanent Withdrawal](#) - withdraw with/without leave to submit at a later date.

[Reg. 42 Governing Academic Appeals \(warwick.ac.uk\)](#)

[Student Complaints Resolution Procedure](#)

[Reg. 11 Procedure to be Adopted in the Event of Suspected Cheating in a University Test \(warwick.ac.uk\)](#)

[Missed monitoring points](#)

[Covid-19 impact statement](#)