Confirmation of Candidature Requirements

The following is a list of milestones and tasks the School requires students to complete before their candidature is confirmed by the Board of the UWA Graduate Research School. In some instances the list may be altered slightly to fit the nature of the project, as agreed by the candidate, supervisor(s) and the School.

- Approval of the research proposal by the Board of the UWA Graduate Research School
- Proof of Research Ethics Committee approval and any other relevant approvals to conduct the research
- Evidence of attendance or enrolment in relevant courses or specific training as determined by the supervisor(s) and the Graduate Research Committee
- Oral presentation (10 minutes) of the proposal to the School, with the Head of School, supervisor(s), the Graduate Research Coordinator and members of the Graduate Research Committee in attendance
- A written summary of the presentation submitted to the Graduate Research Coordinator as an email attachment at least one week prior to the oral presentation.

Both the summary and the presentation should be in the structured format usually required for scientific publications and grant proposals including:

- background and aims
- methods and research techniques
- timeline
- expected outcome.
- a list of key references

There is no fixed length to the summary but candidates are advised to not exceed two pages of text plus one page of key references.

- Successful completion of these tasks will be testified by the Head of School/Graduate Research Coordinator in the candidate’s first annual progress report to be submitted to the UWA Graduate Research School for confirmation of candidature.

Seminar presentation prior to submission of thesis

All candidates for both PhD and Masters are required to present a seminar to the School up to three months prior to submission of their thesis. Candidates should discuss the timing of this presentation with their supervisor and the School’s Graduate Research Coordinator.