Confirmation of Candidature for PhD Candidates
School of Mathematics and Statistics

Milestones to be completed for Confirmation of Candidature

In order to have their candidature confirmed after a year of conditional enrolment, the candidates are required to complete the following milestones followed by an interview with the Advisory Panel comprising the Head, Heads of Sections and Postgraduate Research Coordinator:

- Having the Research Proposal approved (6 months of candidature);
- Presenting work orally at the School seminar (10 to 11 months of candidature). The candidate is expected to demonstrate his/her understanding of the anticipated contribution to the discipline and the methods employed. The presentation is to be approved by the Advisory Panel;
- Producing a body of academic writing additional to the Research Proposal (at 10 to 11 months of candidature), which includes
  - expanded version of the Research Proposal with detailed plan to go forward (approved by the Advisory Panel), and/or
  - a substantial portion of the literature review completed (approved by the supervisor);
  - an alternative piece of work may be accepted as evidence of an accomplished milestone such as poster presentation at the conference and/or a draft of the paper prepared for submission as a journal publication;
- Completing relevant coursework units as advised by the Supervisor, Head of Section, and Head of School;
- Candidates are expected to be immersed in the research culture, for example attending seminars in their discipline area and having informal discussions on their progress with academics and peers.

Advisory Panel makes decision on the achieved progress with the options to confirm the candidature, give a candidate a 3 months extension to complete the milestones or stop the candidature.