

	YEAR 2				YEAR 3				YEAR 4				YEAR 5			
TERM	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Preliminary Oral Exam ¹			x													
Secure Data Use Agreements ²				x	x	x										
Receive Access to Datasets ³						x	x									
Curating Datasets ⁴								x	x							
Analysis ⁵										x	x	x				
Iterate ⁶												x	x	x		
Draft Thesis ⁷														x	x	
Thesis Defense ⁸															x	
Publication of Manuscripts ⁹																x

1. Preliminary Oral Exam
 - Scheduled for April 1, 2022.
 - Propose research topic and specific aims
2. Secure Data Use Agreements
 - National Center for Health Statistics (Submit Proposal to NCHS)
 - Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients (Submit Proposal to SRTR)
3. Receive Access to Datasets
 - Remote access to NCHS Research Data Center in Hyattsville, MD
 - Remote access to Live donor registry in Minneapolis, MN
4. Curating Datasets
 - Prepare NCHS & SRTR datasets for specified statistical analyses
 - Refine and beta-test Stata/R scripts for this purpose
5. Analysis
 - Exploratory analyses
 - Preliminary analyses
 - Discuss preliminary findings with mentors
6. Iterations
 - Receive feedback from mentors
 - Incorporate feedback in updated analysis
 - Further discussions with mentors
7. Draft Thesis
 - Prepare draft of Doctoral Thesis
 - Make revisions based on feedback
8. Thesis Defense
 - Schedule date for Thesis Defense
 - Defend Thesis
9. Publish Manuscripts
 - Write manuscripts derived from specific aims of Thesis and submit for peer-review