

What do I want/need to learn? Provide a specific description of the desired changes (e.g. skills to gain, knowledge to acquire, topics/themes/content to cover)	What do I have to do to achieve this? Some examples, a new/ongoing course, conference, self-development (like wider research or reading), coaching/mentoring, job shadowing	What resources or support will I need? Some examples, teaching staff support, library support, student advisor support, line manager, etc.	How will I measure success? Some examples, appraisals, course assessments, team feedback, tutor feedback	Target dates for review and completion Note that these need to be realistic/achievable
Finalise research topic	<ul> <li>Discuss topics with colleagues and industry specialists.</li> <li>Brainstorm a list of potential topics</li> <li>Get advice from university supervisors</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Access to the university library</li> <li>Online resources</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Research outline</li> <li>Feedback from the tutor</li> <li>Action plan for research</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Research topic should be ready by Jan 31st.</li> <li>Outline to be prepared by Feb 15th.</li> </ul>
Literature review	<ul> <li>Read key research topic literature.</li> <li>Trace the way research leads up to the dissertation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Access to the university library</li> <li>Online resources</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Feedback from the tutor</li> <li>Completed literature review</li> </ul>	By mid-March
Data collection and Analysis	<ul> <li>Plan data collection</li> <li>Keep records of all surveys and interviews conducted</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Active participants for interviews.</li> <li>Access to the university library</li> <li>Online resources</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Completed data analysis sheet</li> <li>Feedback from tutor</li> </ul>	To be completed by Mid- April
Dissertation writing	<ul> <li>Write up findings, analysis, and conclusions.</li> <li>Edit and proof-read</li> <li>Accurate references</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Access to the university library</li> <li>Online resources</li> </ul>	Completed dissertation with positive feedback from tutor	First week of June

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