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| **DOCTORAL FRAMEWORK MILESTONE TIMELINE** | | | | |
| **Stage** | **Old system of candidature** | **Doctoral Framework**  **overlay** | **Student’s Next step** | **Note** |
| Post enrolment |  | Create Doctoral Study Plan |  |  |
| 6 months | Review of progress |  | Complete Student Information Sheet before next RoP. |  |
| 1 year | Review of progress  and  Candidature Assessment | Stage 1 Assessment | Prepare Doctoral Study Plan Stage 2 |  |
| 18 months | Review of progress |  | Experiment, collect data, publish |  |
| 2 years | Review of progress |  | Experiment, collect data, publish |  |
| 2 and half years | Review of progress | Stage 2 Assessment | Prepare as per Guidelines Publications,  Presentation to supervisory panel,  Data collection complete?  Update Stage 3 DSP |  |
| 3 years | Review of progress | Stage 3 Assessment | Focus on thesis | First scholarship extension allowed. |
| 3 and half years | Review of progress | Final doctoral presentation | Prepare seminar in six months prior to submission of thesis to present thesis to academic audience and peers | Scholarships end now.  Some international sponsored students must return home (depends on country) |
| 4 years | Review of progress  or  submit thesis | Submit thesis |  | End of on time completion period.  One semester extension possible |
| 4 and half years |  |  |  | Second extension possible |
| 5 years |  |  |  | Student must voluntarily withdraw or be discontinued |