

Ph.D. Graduate Student Estimated Timelines

(For Full Time Students)

This document has been created to provide students with an estimated timeline of major milestones within the completion of their degree. This is an idealized plan that reflects a focused program of study.

Ph.D. – First Year

Note: Prior to first day of class, students must contact their Academic/Dissertation Supervisor, plan their program of study, and enroll in required courses.

Fall Semester

Coursework

- Consider writing papers for courses that could lead to publication and possibly a Dissertation topic

Dissertation and Supervision

- Formulate ideas and short-list potential topics for Dissertation research
- Collaborate with faculty on research projects

Funding

- Apply for funding and grants <http://www.gradstudies.ualberta.ca/awardsfunding/> (e.g., SSHRC – October) <http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-finance/index-eng.aspx>
- Additional
- Consider student membership in professional or academic associations
- By the end of this year, commit to a professional or academic stream (or both – see Graduate Student Opportunities document). If professional stream, refer to CAP guidelines: <http://www.cap.ab.ca>

Winter Semester

Coursework

- Continue working towards completing required coursework
- Consider writing papers for courses that could lead to publication and possibly a Dissertation topic

Dissertation and Supervision

- Collaborate with faculty on research projects
- Begin formulating Dissertation topics
- By the end of this semester, select a dissertation supervisor, and additional committee members (3 member supervisory committee)

Funding

- Apply for General Awards (January) <http://www.gradstudies.ualberta.ca/awardsfunding/>
- Apply for external funding (e.g., CIHR)

Spring/Summer Semester

Coursework

- Complete any remaining coursework

Dissertation and Supervision

- Collaborate with faculty on research projects
- Begin formulating / drafting a dissertation proposal
- Discuss dissertation topics, proposal, and timelines with supervision committee
- Complete research proposal

Funding

- Apply for Special Awards (August) <http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/edpsychology/nav02.cfm?nav02=14249&nav01=13952>

Additional

- By the end of this year, commit to a professional or academic stream (or both – see Graduate Student Opportunities document). If professional stream, refer to CAP guidelines <http://www.cap.ab.ca>

Ph.D. – Second Year

Fall Semester

Coursework

- Complete any remaining coursework
- Apply for Internship if required

Dissertation and Supervision

- Collaborate with faculty on research projects
- Complete Dissertation research proposal
- Prepare for candidacy exam (possibly complete candidacy exam)
- Work with Advisory Committee to revise Dissertation research proposal

Funding

- Apply for funding and grants <http://www.gradstudies.ualberta.ca/awardsfunding/> (e.g., SSHRC – October) <http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/index-eng.aspx>

Additional

- Apply for internship if required (for August/September of following year)

Winter Semester

Coursework

- Coursework completed

Dissertation and Supervision

- Collaborate with faculty on research projects
- Complete candidacy exam
- Begin Dissertation research
- Work with Advisory Committee to complete Dissertation research

Funding

- Apply for Special Awards (January) (<http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/edpsychology/nav02.cfm?nav02=14249&nav01=13952>)
- Apply for external funding (e.g., CIHR)

Spring/Summer Semester

Coursework

- Coursework completed

Dissertation and Supervision

- Collaborate with faculty on research projects
- Conduct Dissertation research
- Work with Advisory Committee to complete Dissertation research

Funding

- Apply for Special Awards (August) (<http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/edpsychology/nav02.cfm?nav02=14249&nav01=13952>)

Additional

- If necessary, begin internship

Ph.D. – Third Year and Beyond

Fall Semester

Dissertation and Supervision

- Collaborate with faculty on research projects
- Conduct Dissertation research
- Begin writing some chapters of Dissertation (e.g., literature review, methodology, etc.)
- Work with Advisory Committee to complete Dissertation research

Funding

- Apply for funding and grants <http://www.gradstudies.ualberta.ca/awardsfunding/>
(e.g., SSHRC – October) <http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/index-eng.aspx>
- Apply for Special Awards (January)
(<http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/edpsychology/nav02.cfm?nav02=14249&nav01=13952>)
- Apply for external funding (e.g., CIHR)

Beyond

Dissertation and Supervision

- Complete oral examination of Dissertation research
- Complete necessary revisions of Dissertation
- Work to develop articles for publication from Dissertation
- With assistance from Supervisory Committee, seek post-graduation career placement

Additional

- Refer to Graduate Studies Calendar for deadline for submissions for unbound Dissertations