

**UWS Higher Degrees by Research
First year Milestone; Early Candidature Plan**

Examples of Tasks

These tasks would be allocated a time frame in the documentation for the particular candidature. They are examples only and are not exhaustive; the best ideas are the ones that suit an individual candidate and their topic.

Example 1

Enrol in coursework unit in research methodology
Prepare written fortnightly reports on progress
Literature survey - chapter 1 draft
Present a seminar in the School
Prepare an article for publication
Seek ethics approval after Confirmation of Candidature

Example 2

Develop a bibliography of at least 80 sources
Write an initial literature review covering at least 40 of the main papers in the bibliography
Produce a report (4-8 pgs) outlining the nature of research after completion of literature review
Presentation on research progress to School peers
Develop focussed research proposal and presentation for Confirmation of Candidature

Example 3

Production of a literature review utilising at least 50 articles
Discuss authorship with supervisory panel
Completion of Confirmation of Candidature
Development of project hypotheses (both general and specific) to provide the basis for initial field and laboratory experimentation
Design of initial field sampling and experimental work, including a timeline for the completion of tasks

Example 4

Learn how to use software : Lightwave 3D
Learn how to use Director 8.5, multimedia software
Develop a structural outline of the research paper
Approach galleries to exhibit final work

Example 5

Conduct a comprehensive literature survey
Master instrumental techniques in composition
Compose music
Arrange performances of music

Example 6

Define the research question and literature search
Prepare and present the research proposal to the supervisory panel in preparation of the Confirmation of Candidature
Develop questionnaire/interview instrument
Decide on methodology to be used
Submission of supervisor approved research proposal to the Ethics Committee
Arrange access to the proposed research site/s and designing draft

Example 7

Literature search for methodology
Prepare a discussion of literature search
Establish methodology
Prepare a literature search related to previous work on topic, related topic
Write discussion of literature search research in primary applications, determining size of this resource, establishing a database of settlement grants and patterns
Establish a data base of land sales 1794-1796

Example 8

Undertake training in excel/SPSS
Review literature on models of care
Start writing methodology
Conduct Confirmation of Candidature
Seek Ethics Approval
Data Collection Quantitative questionnaires
Analysis of data - 1st stage of study