

Your PhD Journey at GCU

STAGE ONE

Log book

Application
Offer and Acceptance

- Admissions Office process PhD applications
- Academic Schools conduct interviews
- Admissions Office send out offer letters

Induction
Graduate School induction
School induction
Supervisory team induction

- eg: Regulatory requirements, researcher development
- eg: Meeting record, holiday/absence cards
- eg: Planning your research project, working together, PDP

Get your research programme of study registered: submit RDC 1 form by end of first month for all students

- Formal approval of supervisory team
- 1 page research project summary
- Resource and ethics implications
- PDP (personal development plan)

Initial research period with regular supervisory meetings

- 12 recorded meetings per year FT (6 per yr PT)
- Annual progress report at the end of each year
- Record holiday and absence each year

Confirmation of progression to PhD: submit RDC 2 form within 9 months for full-time, 14 months part-time

- 6,000 to 8,000 word report
- Oral presentation
- Mini viva
- PDP

STAGE TWO

Continue research with regular supervisory meetings

- 12 recorded meetings per year FT (6 per year PT)
- Annual progress report at the end of each year
- Record holiday and absence each year

Log book available at:

www.gcu.ac.uk/graduateschool/postgraduatestudy/phdstudyatgcu/guidelinesandlogbooks/

STAGE THREE

Continue research with regular supervisory meetings

- 12 recorded meetings per year FT (6 per year PT)
- Annual progress report at the end of each year
- Record holiday and absence each year

Finalise thesis write up

- Typical thesis 80,000 words (social science and business)
- 40,000 words (science and engineering)

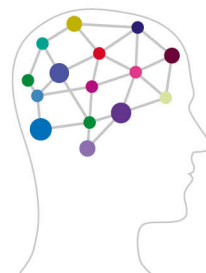
Summary of thesis and examiner approved RDC 5, RDC 8

Enhancement of thesis

Viva examination

Correction of thesis (if applicable)

Graduation



The Graduate School

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