

Your PhD Journey at GCU

STAGE ONE

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

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

Get your research programme of study registered: submit Registration by end of first month for **all** students

- Formal approval of supervisory team
- one-page research project summary
- Resource, risk assessment and ethics implications
- PDP (Personal Development Plan)

Initial research period 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

Confirmation of progression to PhD: submit Application for Confirmation of Progression within 9 months for full time, 14 months part time

- 6,000-8,000 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

- Regulations and Guidelines and Research Degrees Progression

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

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

Examiners' Approval and Submission of Doctoral Thesis

- 40,000 words (science and engineering)

Viva examination

- Enhancement of thesis

Correction of thesis (if applicable)

Graduation