

Timeline for PhD Students

Academic Year 1

Fall

Research Topic Approval
Coursework Design
Consult Advisor/Supervisor
Formation of Committee

Spring

Research Workplan
Research Log Activation
Research
Preliminary Exam

Summer

Research
Skills Development

Academic Year 2

Fall

Research Log Update
Coursework
Qualifying Exam Preparation

Spring

Coursework Completion
Qualifying Exam
Research Proposal

Summer

Research Study
Progress Report
Dissertation Structure and
Plan

Academic Year 3

Fall

Dissertation Writing
Professional Preparation
Choose External Examiners

Spring

Defend Dissertation/PhD Viva
Submit Final Dissertation

Doctoral Degree is Awarded



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