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 Completion
- 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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