# SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY PROGRESS REVIEW 2 (R2) REQUIREMENTS

**Overview**

The Progress Review 2 represents a mid-point between Confirmation Review R1 and Progress Review 3 (R3). The intent of the R2 is to assess whether:

* The project is on track for completion within candidature duration; and
* The candidate’s research and other professional skills are developing appropriately.

# Work to be completed

The document (maximum of 25 pages, excluding draft chapter/journal article, using 1.5 line spacing) should include: There are four components to the R2:

1. Summary of completed work – this can be in the format of a draft results chapter or a journal article to which you have contributed substantially – and should include a statement of progress made since Review 1 (see below for details required by the School of Psychology)
2. Detailed plan/outline for completing the thesis, including a timeline
3. Plans for disseminating your work, e.g. plans for conference attendance, papers to be written etc

The School of Psychology requires

1. that the report summarises progress against the timeline agreed to at R1, and set of goals and plan of work for the period leading up to thesis review
   1. The report should also include a tentative budget for the annual allocation of HDR Research Support Funds; and
   2. For the benefit of the Chair of the Progress Review, where the student is the recipient of a scholarship, the report should also note scholarship expiration date/s and a plan of progress to ensure that the scholarship/s (in particular tuition fee scholarships) do not expire prior to the anticipated thesis submission. If the tuition scholarship is due to expire before the anticipated thesis submission due date, strategies for managing financial liability will be discussed at the Progress Review interview; and
2. An oral presentation (e.g. oral or poster at conference; seminar; oral presentation at HDR Day). This presentation can be completed at any time after confirmation and before R2. If it is not possible to present at a conference, seminar, or HDR Day, the student and PA should organise an open School-based presentation (20-minute presentation plus 10-minute questions) prior to the R2 Progress Review meeting.
3. An interview.

The specific requirements for the written work and oral presentation will vary on a case by case basis, depending on the nature of the project. Whilst each candidate should negotiate the specific requirements with their advisory team, the requirements for written work and oral presentation should meet the guidelines below. For example, the written work might take the form of a thesis chapter, or a manuscript for publication. Whatever the precise form of the written work it must demonstrate production of work at a level consistent with that expected of a PhD/MPhil level thesis, including demonstrated knowledge of relevant background research, critical analysis of evidence, and clear exposition of research conducted by the candidate. The requirement for an oral presentation may be met by presenting a paper or poster at a conference, or by presenting a seminar within the School (note: oral presentations to lab groups *do not* meet oral requirements for Progress Reviews). Following the submission of your R2 documentation, the Chair of the Progress Review Panel may request further supporting documentation or information to clarify.

The most important component of R2 is the interview. The interview will examine progress that has been made since confirmation, work that is remaining in order to complete the project, and where applicable, whether this timeframe falls outside of any scholarship expiration dates (tuition fee scholarships in particular). As with the confirmation interview, the interview panel may ask questions regarding any aspect of the project in order to assess the candidate’s level of understanding and grasp of the topic, and to evaluate the likelihood of successful completion of the project within a reasonable time frame. The Progress Review panel will invite the candidate to reflect on their use of practices that promote open and reproducible science and discuss the proposed goals and program of work with the candidate. Progress against the agreed goals and program of work will be assessed at thesis review.

# Assessment

The Progress Review panel will assess whether:

* Satisfactory progress has been made since confirmation;
* The project remains suitable for a PhD/MPhil;
* The candidate is capable of completing PhD/MPhil level work;
* The PhD/MPhil promises to be completed within the expected period of candidature within existing resources;
* There are any factors delaying progress; and
* The advisory team is adequate and effective.

This assessment will be made on the basis of the written work, the oral presentation (if carried out within the school), and the interview.