
VU HDR MYPLAN 3: MID CANDIDATURE REVIEW

As a series of prompt questions: The VU HDR MyPlan is a self-assessment tool to be used in consultation with supervisor/s in preparation for your candidature milestone review (not required for submission).

Date	Trigger Questions	Your Responses	Supervisor Comments?
	<p>How is your research project evolving? Are you clear on the central question and the key components? Will you be able to present it confidently to the Mid Candidature review panel?</p>		
	<p>How did you feel about the work you have now produced? Is it meeting expectations conceptually and structurally?</p>		

	<p>Can you envisage specifically what yet needs to be done to complete the project?</p>		
	<p>Is your scholarly writing meeting disciplinary and university requirements? What steps have you taken to address any issues?</p>		
	<p>Have you yet read the requirements of the Mid Candidature Review process?</p>		

	<p>What do you currently see as the component parts of your research project? What is the relationship between the parts?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ between data collection and theoretical context ◆ between 'big picture' mind mapping and specific detail/case studies ◆ between chapters/publications ◆ between thinking/talking about your project and writing about it 		
	<p>Are there any obstacles for you in the timely progress of your research - and what can be done to address them? Who can help?</p>		
	<p>What sense do you have of the 'field of knowledge/s' which your project covers? How has your reading confirmed/reassessed your original sense of the project? Have you needed to add/move away from certain areas of knowledge as your project develops? Why?</p>		

	<p>Do you feel you have established an effective working relationship with your supervisor/s? See Supervision page.</p>		
	<p>What skills have you built/are drawing on in the course of your HDR research? What skills do you still need to develop in order to complete the research project?</p>		
	<p>With a better sense now of your research topic and its methodologies, what skills do you think you will need to build in order to undertake the project?</p> <p>What are the top 3 priority areas for your development as an independent, professional researcher? (RDF learning domains).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ academic writing ◆ data collection ◆ theoretical interpretation ◆ project and personal management <p>NB: You will be asked to reflect on these skills/learning areas at your Mid Candidature milestone.</p>		

	<p>Where will you go to address these learning needs, to achieve both your Research and Researcher goals? Refer to VU Researcher Development</p>		
	<p>What have you achieved to date? Are you on track, according to your project planning?</p> <p>NB: Use VU Develop to record both formal and informal achievements</p>		
	<p>How are you feeling about the project at this point? What issues have emerged for you?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ in relation to the content ◆ academic process ◆ balancing the project with other priorities in your life ◆ the skills required to successfully undertake this project ◆ isolation / intellectual communities 		

	<p>How will you represent your project and your progress? Use this Milestone Review as an opportunity to help you represent your achievements and demonstrate your research plans – for your own benefit and not just as a bureaucratic requirement!</p>		
	<p>If required, have you been able to secure appropriate ethics approval for your project? Have you had to adapt your project in any way as a consequence?</p>		
	<p>Are you confident with your academic presentation skills? How will you best use slides, voice, text to best persuade the milestone panel?</p> <p>Ask your supervisor if you can set up a 'practice' presentation session. And attend your peers' panels so you have a clear sense of what it expected.</p>		

	<p>Have you completed the relevant Researcher Integrity modules for your project and this phase? Modules 2, 5, 9 and 12 are to be done in this phase.</p>		
	<p>How do you envisage achieving the next phase of the project (i.e. to get to Towards Submission)? Check guidelines for required timing for your degree and Submission and Examination.</p> <p>Contact Candidature Team for further details.</p>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Are you interested in undertaking an internship as part of your degree (particularly relevant for doctoral degrees)? ◆ If so, what skills do you think you could develop via an internship? ◆ What organisations or type of organisations do you think you would be interested in undertaking an internship with? <p>Discuss with your supervisor and Researcher Development</p>		