
VU HDR MYPLAN 4: TOWARDS SUBMISSION 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>Your research project should now be approaching completion. Can you see its final shape and direction? Are you clear on the central question, any sub-questions and the key components? Will you be able to present it confidently to the Towards Submission review panel?</p> <p>You should have a largely complete first draft of your project to present to the panel.</p>		
	<p>How did you feel about the work you have now produced? Is it meeting expectations (yours/your supervisors') 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 Towards Submission process?</p>		
	<p>Are there/have there been any obstacles for you in the timely progress of your research - and what can be done to address them?</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?</p> <p>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 final 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 Towards Submission 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>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>Are you confident with your academic presentation skills? How will you best use slides, voice, text to best persuade the milestone panel?</p>		
	<p>Has your ethics approval needed to be amended? Have you had to adapt your project in any way as a consequence?</p>		

	<p>Have you completed the relevant Researcher Integrity modules for your project and this phase? Modules 6, 7 and 8 are to be completed at this stage.</p>		
	<p>How do you envisage achieving the next phase of the project (i.e. achieving the milestone review + progressing to 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>		
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