



Early Candidature Plan – Examples of Tasks

These are the types of tasks you might allocate a time frame in your Early Candidature Plan documentation. They should be considered as examples only and the list is not exhaustive. The best ideas are those that suit your individual candidature and your research topic.

Example 1

- Enrol in coursework unit in research methodology
- Prepare written fortnightly reports on progress
- Literature survey - chapter 1 draft
- Present a seminar in the School
- Prepare an article for publication
- Seek ethics approval after Confirmation of Candidature

Example 2

- Develop a bibliography of at least 80 sources
- Write an initial literature review covering at least 40 of the main papers in the bibliography
- Produce a report (4-8 pgs) outlining the nature of research after completion of literature review
- Presentation on research progress to School peers
- Develop focussed research proposal and presentation for Confirmation of Candidature

Example 3

- Production of a literature review utilising at least 50 articles
- Discuss authorship with supervisory panel
- Completion of Confirmation of Candidature

- Development of project hypotheses (both general and specific) to provide the basis for initial field and laboratory experimentation basis for initial field and laboratory experimentation
- Design of initial field sampling and experimental work, including a timeline for the completion of tasks

Example 4

- Learn how to use software: Lightwave 3D
- Learn how to use Director 8.5, multimedia software
- Develop a structural outline of the research paper
- Approach galleries to exhibit final work

Example 5

- Conduct a comprehensive literature survey
- Master instrumental techniques in composition
- Compose music
- Arrange performances of music

Example 6

- Define the research question and literature search
- Prepare and present the research proposal to the supervisory panel in preparation of the Confirmation of Candidature
- Develop questionnaire/interview instrument

- Decide on methodology to be used
- Submission of supervisor approved research proposal to the Ethics Committee
- Arrange access to the proposed research site/s and designing draft

Example 7

- Literature search for methodology
- Prepare a discussion of literature search
- Establish methodology
- Prepare a literature search related to previous work on topic, related topic
- Write discussion of literature search research in primary applications,

determining size of this resource, establishing a database of settlement grants and patterns

- Establish a data base of land sales 1794-1796

Example 8

- Undertake training in excel/SPSS
- Review literature on models of care
- Start writing methodology
- Conduct Confirmation of Candidature
- Seek Ethics Approval
- Data Collection Quantitative questionnaires
- Analysis of data - 1st stage of study