RESEARCH PLAN
- Assess project potential, ensure good student-supervisor communication is in place.
- 2 page document, which should include methodological approach, potential difficulties and back-up strategies. Include Gantt-chart for timeline of your proposed research.

EARLY STAGE ASSESSMENT
- 20 page report and an oral exam.
- To confirm that you understand the problem you are researching and are aware of the associated literature, and that you have a realistic plan and schedule.
- Submit ESA report for plagiarism similarity check via BB VLE

LATE STAGE REVIEW
- A second review of doctoral research ability
- Student prepares and delivers a presentation of the research progress (approx. 30 min) and of the thesis structure.
- The presentation has to clearly show progress compared to the ESA and research to be addressed in the remaining months with a plan for completion.
- The thesis structure will outline chapters and main sections.
- Student also brings along any published research articles (this is expected, but not a requirement).

ENTERING INTO WRITING UP
- Confirm your intentions for your final year.
- We recommend all students at this stage to choose Enter into Completing Research Status (CRS)
- All original research completed, final year spent writing up results and thesis.
- Small writing up fee only (this is £200 for academic year 2020-21)

THESIS SUBMISSION
- Submit max 100,000 word PhD thesis by your 48 month deadline.