

EEE PhD Progression Milestones

Full-time

Part-time

This is just a summary!
Please read full guidelines on [EEE PhD Milestones](#) page

Initial Research Plan (IRP)

- Recommended length <6 pages
- Complete [Plagiarism Awareness e-training](#)
- Risk Assessment Foundation Training - [RAFT Course](#)
- **Registration before 1st Sept 2025:** Non-native speakers take Imperial College London [Doctoral Academic Communication Requirement \(DACR1\)](#)

3
months

6
months

Early Stage Assessment (ESA)

- **Full-timers** submission around month 9 - assessment by month 10 to allow 1 opportunity for re-assessment by month 12
- **Part-timers** submission around month 19 – assessment by month 20 to allow 1 opportunity for re-assessment by month 24
- Recommended length <20 pages
- Must have completed [Plagiarism Awareness e-training](#) + at least 2 out of 4 ECRI [Professional Development courses](#)
- **Registration before 1st Sept 2025:** Non-native speakers who scored below Level 3 in DACR A1 must take **DACR A2**
- **Registration on or after 1st Sept 2025:** All students (native and non-native) must have completed the **Doctoral Academic Communication** e-training course.
- **Registration on or after 1st Sept 2026:** All students must have completed the **Trusted Research** e-training course.

12
months

24
months

Late Stage Review (LSR)

- **Full-timers** submission around month 21 - assessment by month 22 to allow 1 opportunity for re-assessment by 24 months
- **Part-timers** submission around month 42 – assessment by month 44 to allow 1 opportunity for re-assessment by month 48
- No recommended length
- Must have completed total of 4 ECRI [Professional Development courses](#) (normally 2 by ESA + 2 by LSR)

24
months

48
months

Progress Review -> move to writing up or continue with active registration

- Planning your final year
- Student completes Progress Review form with Supervisor
- Many funding schemes end at 3 or 3.5 years. If not sure, speak with the Postgraduate Research Officer. Extending active registration leads to tuition fees payments for the duration of extended active registration

36
months

72
months

Exam Entry Form (EEF)

Completed online at least 4 months before thesis submission date

44
months

92 months

Submit thesis

48
months

96 months