University of St Andrews - School of Medicine Handbook

School of Medicine Progress Review Requirements for PhD Students*

Timepoint	School of Medicine requirement
4 months	 4-month report should consist of these sections in the following order: The overall goals of your project (including a defined, testable hypothesis) Background/literature review in the context of your project goals Planned experimental approaches Anticipated outcomes The background/literature review should be around 4,000 words. The other 3 items together should be around 1- 2 sides of A4.
9 month /1 year	9-month report should be based on work completed to date. It should not normally be longer than 5000 – 10000 words, plus appropriate figures, tables and references. The length of the report should be discussed with your supervisor and will vary according to the subject area. It should include: • overall goals of your project (including defined, testable hypothesis) • an introduction/review section in the context of your project goals • a description of your results to date • a plan of work for the remainder of your first year and for your second and third years. You should also include a Data Management Plan.
2 year	 2 year report should be a detailed thesis completion plan which includes: Some figures and/or tables of results that you intend to include in your final theses. You can use these to explain and discuss your results at the meeting; A timetable for your third year work, indicating when laboratory/field work
3 year	 3 year report – you should prepare a detailed thesis completion plan which includes: the status of each chapter deadlines for completing unfinished chapters

^{*}Students on the Wellcome Trust DTP will have different pieces of written work for certain timepoints, please check with DTP Programme Director, Prof Colin McCowan for details.

*The piece of work required for the 5 month progress review for MSc students is under review by the PGR Committee, and will be circulated to relevant students shortly.

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