### PHD Degree Timeline – September Start Date

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| One  | By May 1<sup>st</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Report  
By June 30<sup>th</sup> – PHD Comprehensive Exam Part 1 – report due or exam done by this date |
| Two  | By May 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Report  
By June 30<sup>th</sup> – PHD Comprehensive Report Part 2 – report due or exam done by this date |
| Three| By May 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Report |
| Four | By May 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Report  
By August 31<sup>st</sup> – Thesis Defence |

**NOTE:** If taking more than 4 years to complete PHD Program, then must submit Annual Report on May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year until the PHD Program is completed.

**Example:**

Sept. 1, 2018 start date (Sept. 1, 2018 to August 31, 2022)

- **Year One – Sept. 1, 2018 to August 31, 2019**  
  - May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 – 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Report  
  - June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – PHD Comp Part 1

- **Year Two – Sept. 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020**  
  - May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Report  
  - June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – PHD Comp Part 2

- **Year Three – Sept. 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021**  
  - May 1, 2021 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual report

- **Year Four – Sept. 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022**  
  - May 1, 2022 – 4<sup>th</sup> Annual report  
  - August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 – PHD Thesis Defence