





VISUALIZING RESEARCH

A GUIDE TO THE RESEARCH PROCESS IN ART AND DESIGN

FIG 3.3 Example of a possible Plan of Work

TASK	TIME	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3										
		1	3	6	9	Month 12	15	18	21	Month 24	27	30	33	Month 36
 Contextual Review		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> search/survey - relevant material 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> build bibliography / organise key reference material 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iterative mapping of key references 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> critical review of key references 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> search/survey - to check for new developments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> update critical review structured by argument 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> search/survey - to check for new developments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> update critical review of key references 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> final check on new relevant contextual info/literature 		
 Use of specific Methods to gather /generate data		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> search/survey - possible research methods 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> identify potential methods from existing research 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> try out potential methods 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> use methods 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> use methods 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> final use methods 			
 Evaluation and Analysis			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> search/survey - possible analytical approaches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> consider possible analytical strategies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> evaluate potential methods 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> evaluate outcomes from methods 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> evaluate outcomes from methods 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> analysis of research outcomes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> final analysis and conclusions 		
 Development of Thesis		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> outline argument 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> consider possible thesis formats 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> evaluate completed thesis formats 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> outline structure of thesis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> refine argument 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> transfer stage (if appropriate) - summary of progress 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> submit transfer material - possible examination/viva 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> finalise structure of thesis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> finalise argument 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> collate/conclude submission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission of thesis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation for Viva

Notes:
 Develop in conjunction with 'Typical MPhil/PhD structure' - Appendix 3 - and your institutional research degree procedures
 Example tasks shown - replace with your own specific tasks and break down in detail
 Remember research is not simple and linear - some tasks are interactive/simultaneous - this is a plan - it should be amended/updated as the research develops.

Examination/viva