





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 build bibliography / organise key reference material iterative mapping of key references critical review of key references 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> search/survey - to check for new developments update critical review structured by argument 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> search/survey - to check for new developments update critical review of key references 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 identify potential methods from existing research try out potential methods 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> use methods 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 consider possible analytical strategies evaluate potential methods 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> evaluate outcomes from methods evaluate outcomes from methods 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> analysis of research outcomes final analysis and conclusions
 Development of Thesis		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> outline argument consider possible thesis formats evaluate completed thesis formats outline structure of thesis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> refine argument transfer stage (if appropriate) - summary of progress submit transfer material - possible examination/viva 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> finalise structure of thesis finalise argument collate/conclude submission
		Submission of thesis Preparation for Viva Examination/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.