



11. Timeline and Milestones

Stage I	- Registration	: Submission of publication list & eligibility check.
Stage II	- PRP Review	: Prima Facie Case approval
Stage III	- Writing Phase	: Drafting Critical Overview
Stage IV	- Submission	: Portfolio + Overview.
Stage V	- Viva	: Oral defence.

12. Quality Assurance & Governance

The programme is overseen by:

- Doctoral and Researcher College Board
- External examiners
- Institutional quality assurance audits

Supervisors are typically experienced researchers with:

- REF-submitted research profiles
- HEA recognition
- Sector leadership and editorial board membership

13. Templates & Checklists

Prima Facie Case Checklist

- 4–6 coherent publications
- 50% peer reviewed journal articles
- Outputs published within 10 years
- Clear thematic link
- Draft structure for Critical Overview

Critical Overview Checklist

- Coherence clearly demonstrated
- Methods justified
- Contribution to knowledge articulated
- Publication roles clarified
- Impact evidenced

14. Frequently Asked Questions

Q1: Can unfinished manuscripts be used? No, only published or accepted outputs.

Q2: Can creative works be included?

Yes, if peer-reviewed and relevant to the discipline.

Q3: Can I fail the Prima Facie Case? Yes, one repeat attempt is allowed.

Q4: What if my publications are older than 10 years?

They cannot be used unless exceptional approval is granted.

15. Conclusion

The PhD by Publication pathway is a rigorous, flexible, and respected doctoral route, ideal for researchers with an established portfolio. With the right planning, coherent publications, and a strong Critical Overview, candidates can achieve doctoral recognition while strengthening their professional and academic impact.