

Approaching program completion:

Finalize the thesis and prepare for graduation

Project completion timeline

- ☐ Discuss what remains to complete your research.
- ☐ If delays occurred, ask what you need to do to get back on track.

Graduate funding

- ☐ If you need additional time, ask whether further funding is possible (department, supervisor, Doctoral Completion Award).

Thesis writing timeline

- ☐ Ask how long your supervisor/committee expects the writing phase to take.
- ☐ Check if your department has standard timelines.

Publications & dissemination

- ☐ Clarify if your department/research group expects publications before graduation.
- ☐ If publishing is optional but you want to pursue it, ask about opportunities and how these activities may affect thesis progress.

Final oral examination (FOE) preparation

- ☐ Confirm when you should meet with your supervisory committee before the FOE.
- ☐ If the committee feels you're not ready, request guidance on what must be accomplished.
- ☐ Ask if you can hold an additional meeting to ensure full preparation.
- ☐ Review the SGS student FOE checklist.



When challenges arise

- ☐ We are here to help. Situations can arise that can critically delay progress or completion of your degree program, such as personal reasons (e.g., family, health), a lack of communication with your supervisor, lack of resources that are required for you to complete the project, as well as a supervisor's relocation to a different institution. Reach out to us.

Access key resources, policies and services:

- Your departmental graduate student handbook, committee meeting forms, and Individual Development Plans (IDPs), as relevant
- School of Graduate Studies (SGS) Calendar: sgs.calendar.utoronto.ca
- SGS Supervision Guidelines: uoft.me/supervision
- SGS Centre for Graduate Mentorship & Supervision: cgms.utoronto.ca