

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

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This page indicates the “qualitative and quantitative” results that are typically achieved by a Ph.D. student. Students can refer to it to monitor their progress. However, it does not indicate mandatory or strict objectives: research is largely unpredictable, and every Ph.D. work develops in peculiar ways over the three years.

Always refer to your tutor, supervisor(s), the members of the PhD board, and the coordinator to properly assess your research work in the context of the Ph.D. studies.

First year:

- Definition/Refining of the research question (**by March**).
- Literature Review (**by June**): during the “Week of Research” (intermediate evaluation), which is usually scheduled in the first week of July, each student is expected to present the literature review/state of the art of the research. It is recommended to provide clear evidence that previous research and related work has not yet solved the problem that is at the heart of the research.
- First hypothesis about the methodology (**by November**).
- **Plan for publications: plan for at least one conference abstract to be submitted to a national or international conference possibly before the end of the year.**
- Ph.D. Annual Report: students are required to fill in a questionnaire on the activities carried out during the year and to prepare a report on the progress of their thesis (between July and early September) by accessing the personal page of "Segreterie online" <https://en.unimib.it/education/postgraduates/doctoral-research-phd-programmes/during-your-phd/enrolment-subsequent-years>

Second year:

- Refining the methodology (**by march**).
- Request for Ethic Committee Approval (if needed).
- Projects involving empirical research: field work.
- Projects involving theoretical research only: development of the argumentative architecture of the thesis.
- Visiting period Abroad (a minimum of three months during the three years is expected. It is possible to split the three months during the three years, with a minimum of one month each time). Six months are required for PNRR positions.
- **Publications: one conference abstract and one paper submitted (and possibly accepted): essay article or chapter, review or research article.**
- Ph.D. Annual Report: a questionnaire on the activities carried out during the year and a report on the thesis progress must be completed by **3 September 2024** by accessing the personal page of "Segreteria online" <https://en.unimib.it/education/postgraduates/doctoral-research-phd-programmes/during-your-phd/enrolment-subsequent-years>

Third year (end of the Ph.D.):

- Projects involving empirical research: data analysis and interpretation
- Projects involving theoretical research only: finalisation of the argumentative architecture of the thesis.
- Thesis outline (draft) (**by January**)
- First version of the thesis (**by September**): deadlines for uploading the thesis - usually in October - will be communicated by the PhD School/office (check we website)
- **Publications: a second article submitted: essay article or chapter, review or research article with the result achieved with the research**

Publications: due to the length of the review processes, especially for non open-access journals, the expected result can also be interpreted in terms of the submission of the paper, and not necessarily its publication.