

MAJOR CHANGES TO THE MMI GRADUATE HANDBOOK:

Note: These changes apply for MSc and PhD students enrolled for the Fall 2024 academic year. It also applied for MSc students that wish to elevate into the PhD program after the start of the Fall 2024 semester.

1. ***Completion of the PhD Thesis proposal.*** Students directly admitted into the PhD program are required to have the PhD Thesis Proposal approved by their supervisory committee. For MSc students that wish to elevate into the PhD program, they must have their PhD Thesis proposal approved by their supervisory committee.
2. ***Submission of 1-page Candidacy Proposal Summary.*** Students are required to submit a 1-page Candidacy Proposal Summary for approval by the Candidacy exam committee. This document should be submitted to the exam committee at least one week prior to beginning to craft their Candidacy Proposal for approval.
3. ***Relationship of Candidacy Exam proposal to the PhD Thesis proposal.*** The Candidacy exam topic can, but is not required to be, within the same topic as the student's PhD Thesis proposal. A significant proportion of the Candidacy exam proposal should be novel (**approximately two thirds**), and a not part of their own PhD Thesis Proposal or any work ongoing in the lab of their Supervisor or described in grant proposals of the Supervisor.
4. ***Candidacy Exam committee composition.*** The composition of the PhD Candidacy is exam is as follows: the supervisor, the supervisory committee, a University examiner that is at arm's length to the student and the supervisor. MMI requires that one of the examiners comes from outside the Department.