

Policy on Fast Tracking

Background: Fast-Tracking is an option for exceptional Master's students to transition into their Doctoral program before they complete their Master's program. The students must demonstrate both academic and research excellence to take advantage of this option.

Transfers from the Master's to the Doctoral program must take place before the sixth term of Master's registration. Accordingly the student must submit their application to the Kinesiology Graduate Office during the fourth or fifth term. The student's paperwork, (change of status form) must arrive in the School of Graduate and Post-Doctoral Studies (SGPS) office before or during the fifth term of enrolment.

POLICY (Passed at G-EPC – January 20, 2016)

1. Brief letter of application by student indicating reason for fast-tracking, commenting specifically on their research trajectory, and include a current CV.
2. Completion of Masters course work requirement with a minimum average of 80%
3. Letter of support from supervisor and Advisory Committee indicating that this is an exceptional student, and outlining research progress and research potential and their research trajectory.
4. Evidence of substantial research progress including data collection, and primary involvement in at least one submitted original peer reviewed publication.
5. Presentation to KGAC by student pertaining to proposed Ph.D. work (Supervisor invited to attend). This presentation should provide information about the link from their Masters' to their proposed Doctoral work, anticipated doctoral studies (papers), time frame, and novelty of the doctoral thesis in the field.
6. Upon acceptance and all criteria met; Graduate Chair in consultation with KGAC recommends change of status to SGPS.
7. Ph.D. Candidacy Exams should normally be completed within the first 12 months of the change in degree designation.
8. ***In accordance with requirements for all Doctoral students, attendance at the School Graduate Research Seminar is required for 4 terms at the doctoral level.***

<http://www.uwo.ca/fhs/kin/grad/apply.html>