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| **C) Research Management**  Research management is where the skills and conceptual considerations of self- and time-management, cognitive abilities (problem recognition and solving competencies) and communication come together. Research management therefore links all the practical and intellectual dimensions within the wider research context.  These exercises are designed to help you consider what is required to manage your PhD project, but also how your project work is integrated into the wider research environment. This means that beyond the actual practicalities concerning your thesis, successful research also incorporates presenting your research at conferences, publishing aspects of your research, networking with other researchers in your field (both at PhD and post-doctoral or lecturer level), outreach activities (depending on your subject/ topic) and also maintaining an effective online presence.  There are two exercises. The first one focuses on the practicalities of your PhD thesis, how you can plan your research activities and project your plans into the future in order to meet certain milestones. The second asks you to consider the wider research environment and how you can meaningfully contribute to it. |

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| **Research Management Part I – Your Thesis**  This exercise draws on the considerations raised in self- and time-management and focuses on how well you can project your time-management and planning skills forward into the future.  **Task:** Rethink your research with a view of the practicalities of your research activities and try to come up with a plan for carrying out your research. Try to group your outline under the following five aspects:   * What are the activities you are proposing to do? E.g. conducting literature review in the library, archival work, field word, etc. Can you break these down into specific tasks that you can schedule? * Whose support/input do you need? E.g. your supervisor, librarians, archivists, gatekeepers to establish contacts for your fieldwork, etc. * What is the timeline for accomplishing your tasks? Does your work feed into your preparations for your PhD milestones? * Do you need to bear in mind specific deadlines? * Do you need to comply with specific formal requirements, such as the ethics clearing process or CRB checks? |

See overleaf for self-assessment and guidance.

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| **Self-Assessment Research Management Part I**  You can award yourself 2 points for each of the 5 aspects covered in the exercise you were able to fill in:   * The kinds of research activities * Support/contacts * Timeline * Deadlines * Formal Requirements |

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| **Research Management Part I Next Steps**  **4 Points or Less**  If you have awarded yourself 4 points or less you need to familiarise yourself with the processes and milestones necessary to complete your candidature. You should seek appropriate advice on aspects of research management and milestones of research from your peers and supervisor/advisor.  **5-8 Points**  If you have assigned yourself between 5 and 8 points you need to work out the specific requirements in your time- and project management: e.g. is it to do with identifying the different tasks that you are required to do, or is it a question of allocating appropriate amounts of time to complete these tasks? You can get further information on time-management and planning from the training resources from Vitae under <http://www.vitae.ac.uk/researchers/1289/Project-planning.html>  **9-10 Points**  You clearly have strong skills in this area. Have you considered sharing your expertise with other students by leading a peer study group on these issues? |