



Higher Degree Progress Report

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Candidate Evaluation

Submitted on 24/Oct/2024

Completed? Yes

If this is your first progress report, please go to the next question. Progress Update - With reference to the previous page, have your stated goals been met? Please indicate how the plan has been fulfilled and outline any difficulties that may have affected your progress.

Are you on track to meet your official submission date?

Yes

Self Evaluation Question 1 - Progress over last six months

Meets my expectations

Self Evaluation Question 2 - Overall quality of work

Meets my expectations

Self Evaluation Question 3 - Effort put into study

Meets my expectations

Self Evaluation Question 4 - Please explain why you have selected that self evaluation:

Overall, when I reflect on my PhD journey since starting in February (officially beginning in early March), I can say that everything I have done has met my expectations. In our first meeting, my supervisors asked me to set a supervision schedule that outlined my plans for the six months leading up to my confirmation. I documented all my plans and saved them in my OneDrive, which my supervisors could also access. As time passed, I found myself on track with what my supervisors and I had planned. Although there was a slight delay due to waiting for the ethics results, which took quite a long time (approximately two months), I am satisfied that I was able to achieve my goal of completing my confirmation at the beginning of the eighth month (October 3rd, 2024). It was such a big relief for me.

Throughout this process, I put all my efforts into writing the proposal, and I am deeply grateful to my supervisors for their assistance during this initial stage. Their comments, feedback, and suggestions were invaluable in helping me clarify my ideas and align them better with my research goals, ensuring that every aspect of my proposal serves clear purposes.

Self Evaluation Question 5 - Since your last report, have you had any major changes to your thesis research that will impact on your ethical approval?

No

Self Evaluation Question 6 - Do you have any concerns with your English language skills?

No

Self Evaluation Question 7 - Have you been domiciled in NZ in the last six months?

Yes

Projected goals - Give an outline of your plan/goals for the next six months. Indicate any difficulties that may affect your progress. If your progress over the past six months has been impaired, outline the specific steps you will take to address this.

For the next six months, I will begin collecting the data in Indonesia at the end of January (after the December school holiday). Before I return to Indonesia for my data collection, I plan to conduct a pilot interview with several English teachers in Indonesia via Zoom. This will help me identify potential barriers and refine the protocol based on their initial feedback. Additionally, I will design the topics and materials for the professional learning and development (PLD) session, which is one of my research activities.

Some difficulties that may affect my progress during this data collection include:

1. Finding the best materials for my PLD.
2. Approaching participants from diverse schools.
3. Keeping on track with my research activities schedule.

To address these challenges, I will:

1. Adapt my PLD plans as needed.

My approach may /may not change based on the results from the initial interviews and observations with the teachers. I will adjust the materials according to their understanding and provide helpful resources and literature. Additionally, I will seek feedback from my supervisors to assess the effectiveness and suitability of the materials.

2. Build rapport with potential participants.

I will clearly explain the purpose of my research and why the teachers' participation is valuable, highlighting how it may benefit them and their community. If the number of participants does not meet my goal, I will expand invitations to other nearby schools.

3. Reach out to schools and teachers promptly.

I will initiate contact the potential schools/teachers as soon as possible and remain flexible in accommodating participants' schedules for interviews, observations, and PLD sessions. I hope to complete all activities within four months so that I can move on to the next phase of analysing the overall data.

Other research activities and teaching - We are interested in any other avenues you may have explored in disseminating your research. Please provide details if you have done any of the following in the last six months: - Given a departmental seminar - Attended any conferences - Presented any papers - Had any papers accepted/submitted for publication - Teaching - Tutoring

So far, I haven't disseminated my research since I just completed my confirmation this month. I plan to attend and present my papers at conferences next year as a learning tool to hone my presentation skills and receive feedback on my work.

During my pre-confirmation, I attended several seminars and workshop on campus held by Centre for Tertiary Teaching & Learning (CeTTL) focusing on topics such as writing a good research proposal, conducting literature reviews, research methodology, and using reference management tools and NVivo. Additionally, I participated in online webinars related to my topic area, which is critical thinking in EFL context. Through these activities, I gained insights that enriched my experience in preparing and writing my research proposal

Chief Supervisor

Supervisor: Frances Edwards

Submitted on 09/Oct/2024

Completed? Yes

**If this is the candidate's first progress report, please go to the next question.
Progress Update Question -. With reference to the candidate's plan for the previous six months, please comment on how the plan has been fulfilled.**

Supervisor Evaluation Question 1. Please rate the progress over the last six months

Meets my expectations

Supervisor Evaluation Question 2. Please rate the overall quality of candidate's work

Meets my expectations

Supervisor Evaluation Question 3. Please rate the effort the candidate has put into study

Meets my expectations

Supervisor Evaluation Question 4. Overall evaluation

Meets my expectations

Supervisor Evaluation (In reference to the candidate's projected goals as shown in the previous page) - Your comments on these goals.

Zelvia prepared a strong full proposal and presentation (completed 3rd October). Now that Zelvia's enrolment has been confirmed she has planned for the data collection phase of her study and will start this next year. These goals are realistic and will enable her to recruit participants and then work with these teachers over the next several months.

Supervisor Evaluation further information - Please provide any further information that may impact on the candidate's progress.

Zelvia has identified possible barriers and has thought about what she could do if she can't follow her initial plans e.g. if she finds it difficult to recruit enough participants. Her initial interview data and ongoing reading will inform the PLD she develops for the participants.

Is the candidate on track to meet their official submission deadline?

Yes

Supervisor's Progress Report

Supervisor: Chelsea Blickem

Submitted on 20/Oct/2024

Completed? Yes

Supervisor progress update 1 - Please comment on the candidate's progress so far

Zelvia is making great progress, and dealt with the demands of proposal writing and her ethics application thoroughly and thoughtfully. Zelvia is receptive to feedback, and brings valuable questions and insights to our supervision meetings.

Student Acknowledgement

Submitted on 21/Oct/2024

Completed? Yes

Candidate acknowledgement comments 1. Any further comments from candidate

I have read my supervisors' comments and feel grateful by their positive response to my work. Their comments have really motivated me and shown that I'm on the right track.
Thank you so much.

Candidate acknowledgement 2. I have read my chief supervisor's report

Yes

Chair - Head of School

Supervisor: Laura Gurney

Submitted on 23/Oct/2024

Completed? Yes

Chairperson comments 1. Any comments from Chairperson:

Zelvia has recently completed her confirmation of enrolment and plans to head to Indonesia soon to gather data. It appears that strong plans are in place to guide this phase of the research. All the best to Zelvia as she engages with participants.

Chairperson comments 2. Any issues for resolution from Chairperson:

NA

Postgraduate Representative

Supervisor: Dianne Forbes

Submitted on 23/Oct/2024

Completed? Yes

Dean's nominee comments 1. Are comments consistent?

Yes

Dean's nominee comments 2. Does this evaluation indicate satisfactory progress

Yes

Dean's nominee comments 3. Please comment on the progress to date and any concerns raised (ie: if progress has not been satisfactory).

Zelvia has now passed confirmation and is heading toward data collection. Progress is on track.

Candidate Evaluation

Submitted on 10/Apr/2025

Completed? Yes

If this is your first progress report, please go to the next question. Progress Update - With reference to the previous page, have your stated goals been met? Please indicate how the plan has been fulfilled and outline any difficulties that may have affected your progress.

In relation to the data collection, some of the goals I stated in my previous progress report have been achieved. I have completed the first stage, which includes conducting the pre-interviews, pre-observations, and the workshops. At the end of this month, I plan to carry out the focus group discussion (FGD) with the teachers. Then, next month, I will reach the final stage of data collection, which involves conducting the post-interviews and post-observations.

There have been several challenges throughout the data collection process. The first was related to participant recruitment. Initially, I had 11 teachers who agreed to participate in the study. However, two of them later withdrew—one before the interview and one after the interview. As a result, I now have nine participants who will continue with the next stages.

The second challenge relates to the school schedules for implementing the teaching strategies discussed during the workshop. Due to the month of Ramadhan, the Indonesian government has encouraged schools to focus on spiritual activities. This regulation has slightly limited the teachers' ability to immediately apply the strategies in their classrooms.

Are you on track to meet your official submission date?

Yes

Self Evaluation Question 1 - Progress over last six months

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Meets my expectations

Self Evaluation Question 3 - Effort put into study

Meets my expectations

Self Evaluation Question 4 - Please explain why you have selected that self evaluation:

Based on my self-evaluation, in my opinion, I have met my own expectations because I have followed all the planned procedures of my research project and put in my best effort to make it happen. Although there were several challenges along the way, with the support and suggestions from my supervisors, I was able to manage them, and the process has gone smoothly so far.

Self Evaluation Question 5 - Since your last report, have you had any major changes to your thesis research that will impact on your ethical approval?

No

Self Evaluation Question 6 - Do you have any concerns with your English language skills?

No

Self Evaluation Question 7 - Have you been domiciled in NZ in the last six months?

No

Projected goals - Give an outline of your plan/goals for the next six months. Indicate any difficulties that may affect your progress. If your progress over the past six months has been impaired, outline the specific steps you will take to address this.

Over the next six months, I plan to focus on analysing the data I have collected. This will include transcribing interviews, observations, and FGD, coding the data, and identifying key themes related to teachers' perceptions and practices in teaching critical thinking. I also hope to start drafting my findings chapters and keep in regular contact with my supervisors for feedback.

One possible challenge that may affect my progress is the time required for transcription and analysis, as it is a detailed and time-consuming process. But I've planned a schedule to manage this workload and make consistent progress each week.

Although there were a few delays earlier—mainly due to participant withdrawals and school schedules during Ramadhan. I have addressed these by adjusting my timeline and maintaining open communication with participants and schools.

Other research activities and teaching - We are interested in any other avenues you may have explored in disseminating your research. Please provide details if you have done any of the following in the last six months: - Given a departmental seminar - Attended any conferences - Presented any papers - Had any papers accepted/submitted for publication - Teaching - Tutoring

This activity may not be directly related to disseminating my research, but rather about sharing my PhD journey during the first year. I'm planning to join the Research Images event held by the DEDU Postgraduate, where I'd like to share my experience as a beginner PhD student navigating the ups and downs of the journey. I plan to express this through a short poem inspired by the four seasons in New Zealand—an experience that feels especially new and meaningful to me, coming from a country with only two seasons.

Chief Supervisor

Supervisor: Frances Edwards

Submitted on 16/Apr/2025

Completed? Yes

If this is the candidate's first progress report, please go to the next question.
Progress Update Question - With reference to the candidate's plan for the previous six months, please comment on how the plan has been fulfilled.

Over the last 6 months, Zelvia has worked steadily towards the goals she set for herself. Through reading and piloting, she was prepared for her fieldwork. She has got the data-gathering phase of her study underway; participants have been recruited, and the first phase of the research is complete. She has had to be flexible when working around the requirements for schools during Ramadhan and is now moving forward with the next stages of her research.

Supervisor Evaluation Question 1. Please rate the progress over the last six months

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Supervisor Evaluation Question 2. Please rate the overall quality of candidate's work

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Supervisor Evaluation Question 4. Overall evaluation

Meets my expectations

Supervisor Evaluation (In reference to the candidate's projected goals as shown in the previous page) - Your comments on these goals.

Zelvia is aware of the tasks ahead once workshops have been completed and the rest of the data collected. Data analysis and writing will be the key focus for the rest of the year.

The goals Zelvia has set are appropriate.

Supervisor Evaluation further information - Please provide any further information that may impact on the candidate's progress.

Is the candidate on track to meet their official submission deadline?

Yes

Supervisor's Progress Report

Supervisor: Chelsea Blickem

Submitted on 17/Apr/2025

Completed? Yes

Supervisor progress update 1 - Please comment on the candidate's progress so far

Zelvia has made a promising start with her data collection, and I appreciate her contacting us when she has questions and wishes to check next steps, challenges. She is also experiencing the challenges that can come with such data collection.

As Frances has said, data analysis and writing will be the key focus for the rest of the year, and Zelvia's goals are relevant and appropriate.

Student Acknowledgement

Submitted on 18/Apr/2025

Completed? Yes

Candidate acknowledgement comments 1. Any further comments from candidate

Thank you very much for all the feedback and suggestions given by my two supervisors. I hope the data collection can proceed smoothly and be completed soon.

Candidate acknowledgement 2. I have read my chief supervisor's report

Yes

Chair - Head of School

Supervisor: Laura Gurney

Submitted on 28/Apr/2025

Completed? Yes

Chairperson comments 1. Any comments from Chairperson:

Zelvia's data gathering activities appear to be well on track, despite a few unexpected challenges. There is clear support from both supervisors, who confirm that good progress is being made.

Chairperson comments 2. Any issues for resolution from Chairperson:

NA

Postgraduate Representative

Supervisor: Dianne Forbes

Submitted on 28/Apr/2025

Completed? Yes

Dean's nominee comments 1. Are comments consistent?

Yes

Dean's nominee comments 2. Does this evaluation indicate satisfactory progress

Yes

Dean's nominee comments 3. Please comment on the progress to date and any concerns raised (ie: if progress has not been satisfactory).

Data collection is underway. Do note the challenges in your methodology chapter as these provide useful context and show resilience and flexibility. Plans for analysis and drafting are sound, and there is good support and communication in place. I look forward to viewing the images of research submission.

Research Student Progress Report

Date due: 06/Oct/2025

Completed? No