

## Year 3 Roadmap

By the end of the spring term of your third year, you should have:

- Started taking dissertation units (HPHY 603) *if you have advanced to candidacy*
- Finished at least 81 units of coursework total (minimum 9 per quarter for three quarters)
- Fulfilled GE assignments (instructional and/or research) for ~20 hrs/week for three terms
- Completed your candidacy exam if you have not already
- Begun research on your dissertation topic
- Submit grants and scholarship/fellowships and travel awards
- Draft & submit abstracts to regional/national meetings as allowed by data & funding availability.

Sample coursework schedule, Year 3

Completed candidacy exam:

	Fall	Winter	Spring
Dissertation	HPHY 603 (9 cr.)	HPHY 603 (9 cr.)	HPHY 603 (9 cr.)

Not completed candidacy exam:

	Fall	Winter	Spring
Research	HPHY 601 (9 cr.)	HPHY 601 (9 cr.)	HPHY 601 (9 cr.)

Milestones by term, Year 3

	Fall	Winter	Spring
Beginning of term	Draft IRB/IACUC documents for approved dissertation projects	Begin data collection if study is approved by IRB/IACUC	Continue collecting data, literature, and writing
Middle of term	Find and apply for relevant funding opportunities	Find relevant conferences to present your work and network	Continue collecting data
End of term	Meet with DAC to discuss progress and next steps	Plan for how your research will proceed (or not) over the summer	Begin writing up data (e.g., methods, preliminary analyses)

Important Paperwork & Forms

- At the beginning of the term that you will start your candidacy exam, download and fill out the [PhD Candidacy Exam Application](#) form
  - You will need to send the application and your approved Aims page to the Graduate Coordinator no later than Week 5

- When you have passed your candidacy exam, your committee will submit the [PhD Candidacy Exam Results](#) form to the DGS and Graduate Coordinator
- Familiarize yourself with the [Research Administration Portal \(RAP\)](#) and the forms you are required to submit for approval by the Institutional Review Board (human subjects research) and/or Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (animal model research)
- Consider using some of the [proposal writing resources for grad students](#) put together by the OVPRI
- Apply for scholarships and awards using [this link](#).