Milestones toward PhD Degree Completion

Complete 1st year core coursework and enroll in lab rotations



Match with faculty research advisor by Spring quarter of 1st year. Complete PhD Advisor Verification form



Pass preliminary exam in Spring quarter of 1st year



Enroll in elective courses in 2nd year and begin dissertation research



Complete MS Advancement to Candidacy form in Winter quarter of 2nd year, if earning an MS degree "along the way" to the PhD



Pass Qualifying Exam at the end of 2nd year, or beginning of 3rd year. Complete PhD Form I,
Advancement to Candidacy form



Present during the BME Seminar Series (BME 298) during 4th year



Complete written dissertation and defend. Complete PhD Form II and upload dissertation to the UCI Library



PhD Degree is conferred