TIMELINE FOR PhD STUDIES WITHIN MD/PhD PROGRAM

Year 1
All of Year I medical curriculum + reading, learn lab techniques, summer research, develop thesis project
- MD/PhD students can use FLEX time in MEDD 419 to begin to engage with their PhD projects
- complete Foundations of Scholarship
- complete a learning plan that outlines your interests
- complete an activity plan that describes your project and the components that will be undertaken in MEDD 419 session
- approved by a site director and FLEX Advisor
- set up Thesis Supervisory Committee
- first PhD Thesis Committee meeting
- submit research proposal to Program Director

YEARS 1-5: PhD thesis committee meetings at least once per year
YEARS 2-4: apply for external funding (program expectation)
YEARS 2-5: annual progress meeting with Director or Associate Director

Year 2
Year II medical curriculum (up until the TICE 2-week session) + reading, continue momentum from summer research (with help of others in your lab).

Spring of Year 2:
- register for graduate courses
- begin thesis project
- external funding applications

Year 3
- complete all required graduate course work for PhD
- conduct research and finalize PhD thesis project proposal
- PhD comprehensive exam

Year 4
- complete experiments, write manuscripts on PhD thesis project

Year 5
- complete MD Year II (Transitions into Clinical Education) – April/May
- write and defend PhD thesis

Year 6
- MD 3 year, junior clerkship rotations

Year 7
- MD Year 4, clerkship rotations
- CaRMS application
- Graduation

Please refer to our program description for more detailed information.
http://mdprogram.med.ubc.ca/mdphd/links/programdescription
Class of 2028

Year 1
- Sept 2021: MED 1
- 2022: PhD May - August
  - One-page research proposal Aug 2022

Year 2
- 2023: MED 2
- 2024: PhD 1

Year 3
- 2024: PhD 1
  - Grad coursework completion Apr 2024
  - Comp exam, advancement to candidacy summer 2024
- 2025

Year 4
- 2025: PhD 2
- 2026

Year 5
- 2026: PhD 3
- 2027: MED 3
  - TICE April 2026, Thesis defense May 2026

Year 6
- 2027: MED 3
- 2028: MED 4

Year 7
- MED 4
  - CaRMS