Computer Science Milestones Overview and Summer Study/Internships

**Starting in the third term your main focus is on research**, guided by an advisor and supervisory committee.

**Milestones in the Ph.D. program are as follows:**

Writing a paper on the subject of the first year of research-called the “690 paper” because the first year is classified as a course with this number (~**by end of 2nd year**)

Submitting a dissertation prospectus and being admitted to candidacy (~**by end of 3rd year**)

Need three readers (2 internal to CS, 1 external)

Each reader and the advisor grade the prospectus.

Advisor sends prospectus to the DGS and registrar with final grade. A copy is filed in your records.

A copy must be sent to the department registrar for submittal to the University Registrar.

Your admission to candidacy is filed using this form: [Admission to Candidacy Certification](https://registrar.yale.edu/sites/default/files/admission_to_candidacy_certification.pdf)

**Summer Study/Internships**

During your time as a doctoral student, you are allowed to participate in two summer internships. These internships are subject to approval by the Dean of Graduate Studies. When you have secured an offer, you must submit a [Summer Internship](https://registrar.yale.edu/sites/default/files/summer_internship_0.pdf) Form. The form must be accompanied by your offer letter and description of the relevancy to your current studies. A report is due at the conclusion of the internship and sent to the Graduate School Administrative Dean’s [office](mailto:gsasadministrativedean@yale.edu?subject=Summer%20Intern%20Report) by October 1st.

Other [forms](https://registrar.yale.edu/forms-petitions) can be found online that address other matters like course drop, leave of absence or degree petition. Students are responsible for ensuring that forms due to the University Registrar are given to the departmental registrar well in advance of any deadline.

Your department registrar: Sabrina Whiteman, 203-432-1283 or [sabrina.whiteman@yale.edu](mailto:sabrina.whiteman@yale.edu). Room AKW 002