**Recommendation to Pursue MSc-to-PhD Transfer/Promotion**

*(For the MDBC, MDCV, MDGI, MDIM, MDMI, MDNS, and MDSC graduate programs, only)*

Active MSc stream students may be permitted to transfer up into the PhD stream of their respective graduate program if their academic record in graduate studies is outstanding, have made excellent progress towards their developing research project, and demonstrated exemplary potential to complete a doctoral-quality project; such requests must be *unanimously supported* by the supervisory committee. This optional academic advancement opportunity will be for those MSc students who have decided, in consultation with their supervisor(s) and supervisory committee, that they would like to pursue and ultimately graduate from UCalgary with a PhD.

In accordance with graduate regulation [G.D.4. (Program Transfers)](https://calendar.ucalgary.ca/uofcregs/graduate-regulations/grad-program-transfers) in the UCalgary Academic Calendar: “*Program transfers must normally take place before a student’s [3rd] annual registration*”. This will fall on the respective tuition fee deadline of the student’s 25th month in-program.

* Note: Successful PhD transfers will be exempted from formally defending an MSc-level thesis and will immediately transition towards fulfilling doctoral-level program requirements from the effective term of transfer and onwards instead.

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| **Student Information** | | | | | | |
| **Student Name:**   * **UCID:** | **Original Admit Term & Year*:***  (Select Admit Term) YYYY | | | **Graduate Program:**  (Select Graduate Program) | | |
| **Confirmed/Tentative Research Project Title:** | | | | | | |
| **\*\*Intended PhD Transfer Term***:* (Select Transfer Term of Effect) YYYY  *Note*: All approved program changes can only be reflected onto the student’s UCalgary transcript at the semester-level (not individual date) | | | | | | |
| **\*\*Tentative Fulfillment Dates of Doctoral Candidacy Requirements** (post-transfer)*:*   * Part 1: Thesis Proposal Evaluation (TPE) - MMM-YYYY *(Ideally by month-33)* * Part 2: Field of Study (FOS) - MMM-YYYY *(Ideally by month-36)*   *Note*: Students who anticipate fulfilling the above candidacy components at any point beyond their 36th month in-program will be required to complete a Candidacy Extension Request form. Consult the [Graduate Program Administrator](https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/gse/contact) for further details regarding candidacy extensions. | | | | | | |
| **Committee Assessment on PhD Trainee Competencies** | | | | | | |
| **Primary Assessment Areas** | | **Unsatisfactory** | **Satisfactory** | | **Very Good** | **Excellent** |
| 1. **Critical and Adaptive Thinking**   *(Ability to integrate new ideas + Judge/Appraise their own work & the work of others)* | |  |  | |  |  |
| 1. **Ability to Communicate Effectively**   *(Verbal and Written)* | |  |  | |  |  |
| 1. **Breadth and Depth of Knowledge in Research Area** | |  |  | |  |  |
| 1. **Understanding of the Technical and Tactical Skills Needed to Design and Conduct Independent Research/Experiments** | |  |  | |  |  |
| 1. **Understanding of Research Project and Determined Methodologies** | |  |  | |  |  |
| 1. **Cohesiveness of PhD Research Proposal as a First Draft**   *(Potential Originality and Contribution to field knowledge)* | |  |  | |  |  |

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| ***Committee/Program-approved*** [**Base PhD Program Coursework**](https://calendar.ucalgary.ca/departments/MD/programs)  *(Reminder: All required coursework MUST be completed before the FOS candidacy exam is attempted and scheduled)* |
| -Enter *Course Codes, Titles, Credit Unit-weightings, and Terms of Completion/Enrollment below (DO NOT include final grades)--*  e.g.) *MDSC 637.01-Organization and Function of the GI Tract, 3.0-units, Fall 2023*  **Completed, To Date** *(including any required specialization courses)***:**  **Pending** (*if applicable)*: |

**Additional Committee Comments or Feedback (*optional*)**

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| ***Supervisory Committee Approval*** | | |
| **Date of Transfer Meeting:** DD-MMM-YYYY   * This Meeting was chaired by the GPD or their delegate: Yes  No   *Note*: Consult the [Graduate Program Administrator](https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/gse/contact) for confirmation on whether GPD attendance at the transfer meeting is required. | | |
| Supervisor (Printed) | Supervisor Signature | Date |
| Co-Supervisor, if applicable (Printed) | Co-supervisor Signature | Date |
| Supervisory Committee Members (Printed) | Committee Endorsement of Program Change  The Supervisory Committee is in unanimous support of the MSc-to-PhD transfer pursuit and understands that the student will have until the end of their 36th month in-program to fulfill all doctoral candidacy requirements as stipulated within graduate regulation [G.K.1 (Admission to Candidacy)](https://calendar.ucalgary.ca/uofcregs/graduate-regulations/grad-additional-regulations/grad-candidacy) of the UCalgary Academic Calendar. | |
| ***Graduate Program Use Only*** | | |
| Graduate Program Director Approval (Printed) | Signature | Date |