

Form S1-B: PhD Project Plan

Soil CRC PhD Program

About this form	<p>The purpose of this form is to assist students in the first few months of candidature to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Reflect on your progress to date; (2) Create an achievable plan for successfully completing your PhD project within a timely manner.
Instructions	<p>Students are responsible for completing this form, with assistance from your Principal Supervisor if needed.</p> <p>Bullet points may be used and, where appropriate, responses may duplicate content from the Project Agreement, Form S1-A, or other relevant documents.</p> <p>If you have any questions, please contact the Soil CRC PhD Program Manager: cassandra.wardle@soilcrc.com.au</p>
Approvals	<p>All S Forms can be signed/approved in whatever way is convenient (e.g. digital signatures, signing and scanning a hardcopy, providing an email/statement of approval when submitting the form, and so on).</p>
Due date	<p>4-6 months (FTE) from PhD commencement date, unless a different deadline is specified in the Soil CRC Project Agreement.</p>
Submission process	<p>Email the completed form and any additional files (such as a timeline for Question 5) to Form-S1B@soilcrc.com.au</p> <p>Please ensure all attachments include the student name and/or Soil CRC Project ID in the file name.</p>

1. Student Details

Name			
Preferred contact details	Email:		
	Mobile:		
Soil CRC Project ID		Intended Thesis Submission Date	

2. Supervisor Details (if these have changed since Form S1-A)

Name	Organisation	Email Address

3. Project Overview

a. Project Context and Background (200-500 words)

Briefly describe the context of your PhD project including, for example, (1) the broad topic area and any relevant background or historical context; (2) the issue/challenge you are addressing; and (3) the importance of this issue (i.e. why it should be addressed).

b. Research Questions/Objectives

List or briefly describe your central research question and any sub-questions or objectives.

c. Proposed Approach and Research Methodology (200-500 words)

Describe your approach and proposed methodology for your PhD project. This could include the research design and scope, study site(s), data source(s), participants, research instruments & techniques, data collection, data analysis, your write-up and publication strategy, and so on.

4. Potential Outputs and Outcomes

List any anticipated outputs and outcomes of your PhD, noting these are often (but not always) linked:

- Outputs can include publications (e.g. your thesis, journal articles, technical reports, conference papers), presentations (e.g. 3MT, conference presentations, seminars), resources (e.g. factsheets, guides, decision-making tools), policy submissions, IP, computer models and software, websites, proof of concepts, prototype products, and so on; and
- Outcomes are potential benefits for the Soil CRC participants, Australian agricultural communities more broadly, or other stakeholders (e.g. improved management practices).

5. Project Timeline

Insert or attach a timeline of the key components of your PhD project and candidature (including the activities and items described in previous questions), and your progress to date. This timeline should preferably be in the form of a Gantt chart, for example:

Research components and outputs	2022							2023				
	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	...
Submit ethics												
Biannual progress reports												
Lit review												
Stats course												
Confirmation												
Data collection												
And so on...												

Have you attached a timeline to this document?

Yes

No, I am submitting the timeline as a separate document

Other (provide details below)

6. Project Risks

Briefly list any potential risks that may impede your progress (e.g. delays, costs, unsuccessful experiments, contaminated samples) and how they are to be mitigated.

7. Approvals

Student Sign-off

- I certify that the information detailed above is correct.
- I confirm that I have discussed this form with my Principal Supervisor.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Principal Supervisor and/or Project Leader Sign-off

- I certify that the information detailed above is correct.
- I confirm that I have discussed this form with the student.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____