A PhD Experience
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Why did I do a PhD?

2007 - Part-time Research Assistant School of Electrical & Computer Engineering

2008 - Full-time Research Assistant School of Economics, Finance & Marketing
How can I do my own research?

A PhD!

Commenced PhD study in 2009
What is a PhD study?

Training to be an independent researcher.
Supervisor

- Mentoring, rather than a teacher to student dynamic.
  - The research is your research.

- Regular meetings
  - once a week.
  - helps to keep research on track.
- your responsibility
- take ownership
- be self-motivated
A PhD is a full-time job

- Regular work time - Mon-Fri
  9am-5pm

- Balancing PhD studies and personal life is important.

- Take holidays and breaks
Plan, plan, plan

1st year: Literature review + data collection (1 publication)
2nd year: Data collection + analysis (1 publication)
3rd year: Publish, publish, publish (5 publications)
4th year: Final data collection/analysis, thesis write-up
Publications

- Double-blind peer reviewed only
- Considered rating and impact factor
- Journal & conferences
- Conferences (only full paper and presentation)
- Local and international conferences
Get Help

Available support at RMIT:
- SGR On-track Workshops
- College Research Culture Session
- Writing Groups

Other sources of support:
- twitter (eg. @phdforum)
- your PhD colleagues
Most importantly...

A PhD is a journey...
But along the way you should have fun!
KEEP CALM AND JUST GRADUATE