Get ahead with your research writing and study

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3 tips for a smooth research candidacy:

1. **Develop organisational and self-management skills that work for you.**
   - 3-4 years seems a long time; it’s NOT!
   - You’ll be project managing yourself, so PLAN everything.
   - Organise your literature; organise your writing; organise your research.

2. **Get into the habit of writing something every day.**
   - It doesn’t matter what – JUST WRITE!
   - Carve out regular times throughout the week.

3. **Develop relationships:**
   - with your supervisors
   - with other research candidates
   - with other experts.
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The SLC can give you practical advice on:

- planning and writing sections of your thesis
- planning and writing conference papers and journal articles
- critically engaging with the literature
- reading more efficiently and with a purpose
- managing your time and setting goals
- taking useful notes
- improving your academic writing style
- improving your English grammar and speaking.
- brushing up on your referencing skills
Is this for me?

Yes...

...because life as a postgraduate research candidate often involves new or more advanced skills, e.g.

- writing the biggest thing you’ve ever written
- writing a document of ‘publishable quality’
- managing your time as an ‘independent’ student
- organising and keeping track of a forest of paper (real and virtual)
- keeping it all real and keeping your friends and family!

and more…
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Services for RMIT research students:

• Thesis Writing Groups
• Individual appointments
• Drop-in service
• Workshops
• Learning Lab
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Where are we?

★ **City Campus:**
   Building 12, Level 4, Room 20
   Building 108, Level 3

★ **Bundoora West Campus:**
   Building 220, Level 2, Rooms 34 & 17

★ **Brunswick Campus:**
   Building 514, Level 1, Off the cafe
Don’t be caught off guard – *Plan* now

Submission date!