

## Qualifying Exam – Quick Reference

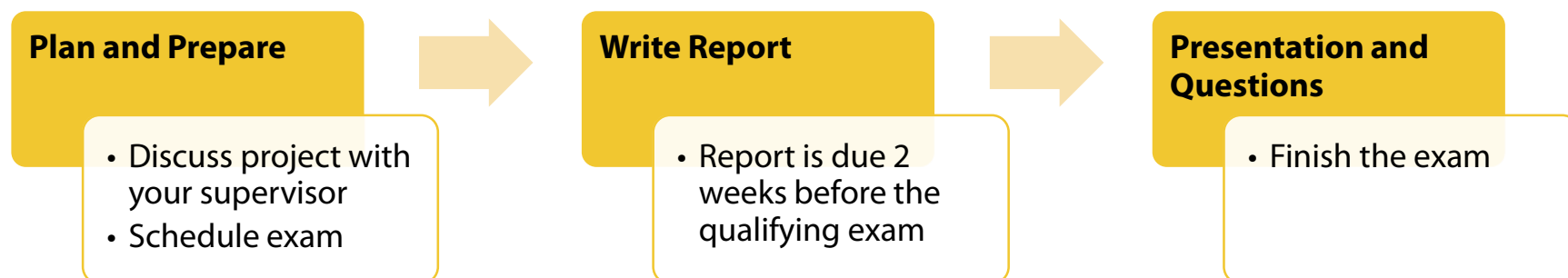
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### Exam Components

Report	Presentation	Question Period
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A research proposal for your PhD thesis</li><li>• Describes your proposed research and summarizes progress to date</li><li>• 2,500 - 5,000 words total (not including references)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A presentation that describes your proposed research and summarizes progress to date</li><li>• Open to everyone, but the primary audience is your examining committee</li><li>• 25 - 30 min</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Two rounds of questions</li><li>• Questions typically relate to your proposed work and/or chemistry fundamentals</li><li>• Approx. 60 - 120 min</li></ul>

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### Timelines



PhD students must complete the qualifying exam **within 12 months** of starting their graduate program.

MSc → PhD transfers should complete the qualifying exam **in the second year** of their program.