

## **8. Candidature**

- 8.1** A full-time candidate registered provisionally for the degree of Master of Philosophy will be subject to a probationary period of up to 12 months (for a part-time candidate, up to 18 months). Between the 9th and 12th months after commencement of study (for a part-time candidate, between the 15th and 18th months), a provisional MPhil candidate must attain full candidature by satisfying the requirement of the Mandatory Common Core Programme under section 6.2(e) above and the submission of a research prospectus through the supervisors to the Graduate School for consideration. Failure to attain full candidature in a timely manner may result in dismissal.
- 8.2** Supervisors will submit a completed report form, giving an assessment of the candidate's performance and potential along with the research prospectus (bearing the supervisors' endorsement) to the Graduate School.
- 8.3** Upon satisfactory fulfillment of the Mandatory Common Core Programme and after review of the research prospectus and the report from the supervisors, the Research Postgraduate Studies Committee will determine whether to admit a provisional candidate to full candidature, or to terminate his/her period of provisional registration for the degree of Master of Philosophy.
- 8.4** For detailed confirmation procedures, please refer to section 4 of the **“Guidelines and Procedures for Research Postgraduate Degrees”**.