**Enroll in BME 6094 seminar course**

**Discuss research interests with faculty**

**Begin work in research group**

**Select a track and required courses**

**Maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0**

**Semester 2: Start Research**

- Prepare for qualifying exam (Year 2)
- Enroll in BME 6094 seminar & other required courses

**Year 2: Pass qualifying exam**

- NIH-style written proposal and oral presentation

**Year 2: Pass qualifying exam**

- Form an advisory committee

- Choose 1 major advisor and 2 associate advisors. Guidelines: https://gradcatalog.uconn.edu/grad-school-info/advisory-system/

**Submit Plan of Study to the Graduate School**

- after 18 credits completed
  - https://grad.uconn.edu/forms/

**Years > 3**

**Prepare Dissertation**

- Complete 30 graded course credits,
  - 15 graded research credits,
  - and 2 publications

**FINAL DEFENSE**

- **Apply for graduation in Peoplesoft during last semester**

- **Provide dissertation to advisory committee 2 weeks in advance of defense**

- **Defend dissertation and obtain signatures of advisory committee**

- **Complete BME clearance form**
  - Includes: submit PDF of thesis, return keys & provide exit survey.

- **Announce final defense 2 weeks in advance on UConn and BME event calendars**

- **Review dissertation submission checklist in link above**

- **Submissions**
  - Submit 1 electronic copy of dissertation to Digital Commons
  - Submit completed dissertation checklist, 1 approval page, final exam form, and receipt of earned doctorate survey to Graduate School

**For a complete checklist of required steps visit:**