

# **Planning Out the Timeline for Your Research Submissions and Publications**

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## Presentation

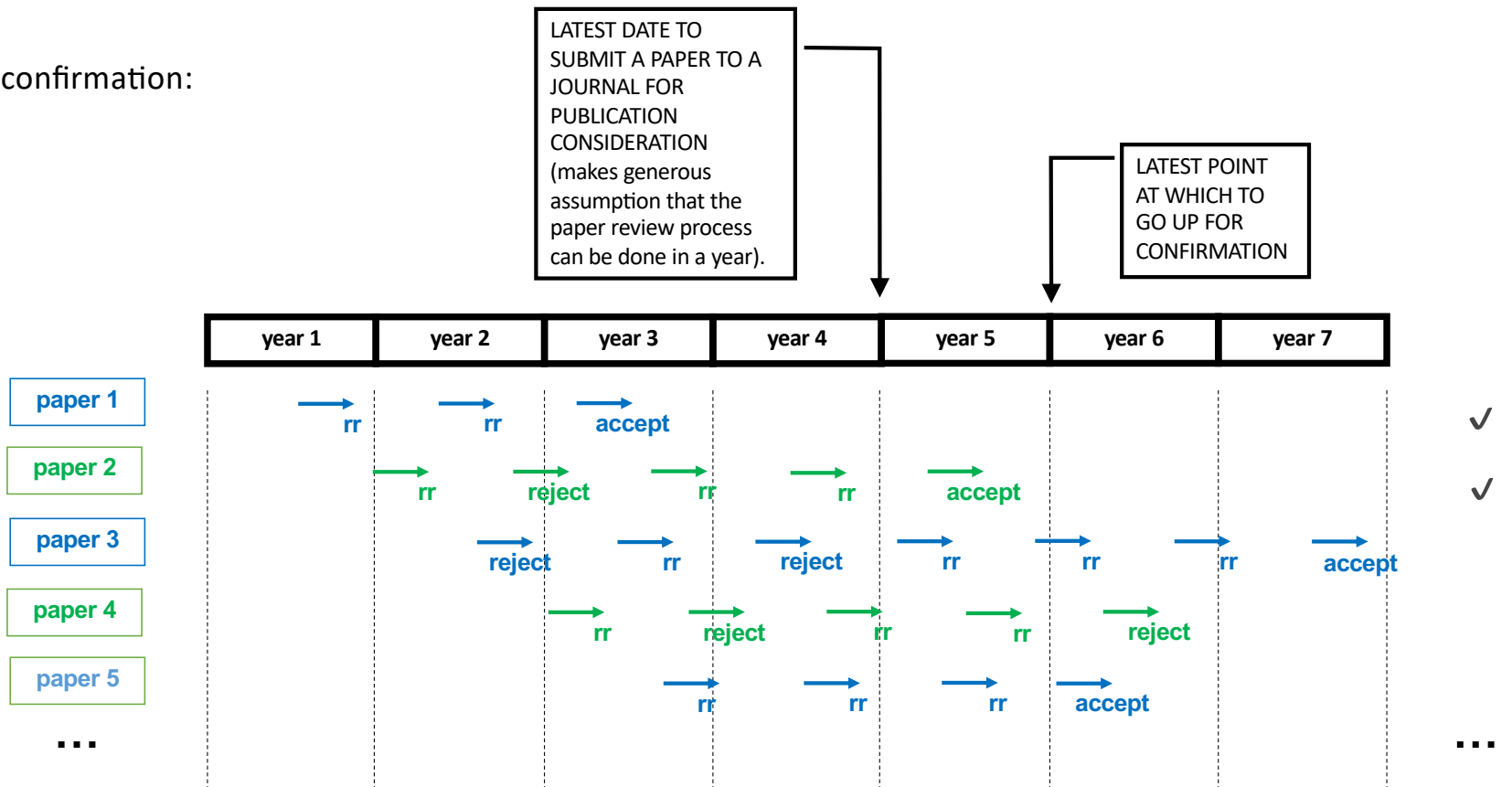
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## My Background

- Honorary Professor at University of Sydney since 2015
- Past editor-in-chief of *MIS Quarterly*
- Tenured professor at Northeastern University, University of Cincinnati, McGill University, Virginia Commonwealth University
- List of publications and citation counts at [allenslee.com](http://allenslee.com)

# Planning Out Your Journal Publication Timeline

probation and confirmation:  
years 1 - 5



## What the Preceding Mapping of the Timeline Does Not Show

- Your philosophy of research
- There is great variance in manuscript processing times and manuscript revision times.
- What are the journals that your institution values? What are the journals that outside institutions value?
- With respect to *risk*: Do you have a *balanced* research portfolio (analogous to a *balanced* investment portfolio)?
- What you want to say in your research *versus* what the journals want you to say
- “If you are marketable to the outside, you are marketable to the inside.” Building up a marketable research portfolio will make you attractive to other universities, which, in turn, will make you attractive to your own university.

# **Final Points of “Planning Out the Timeline for Your Research Submissions and Publications”**

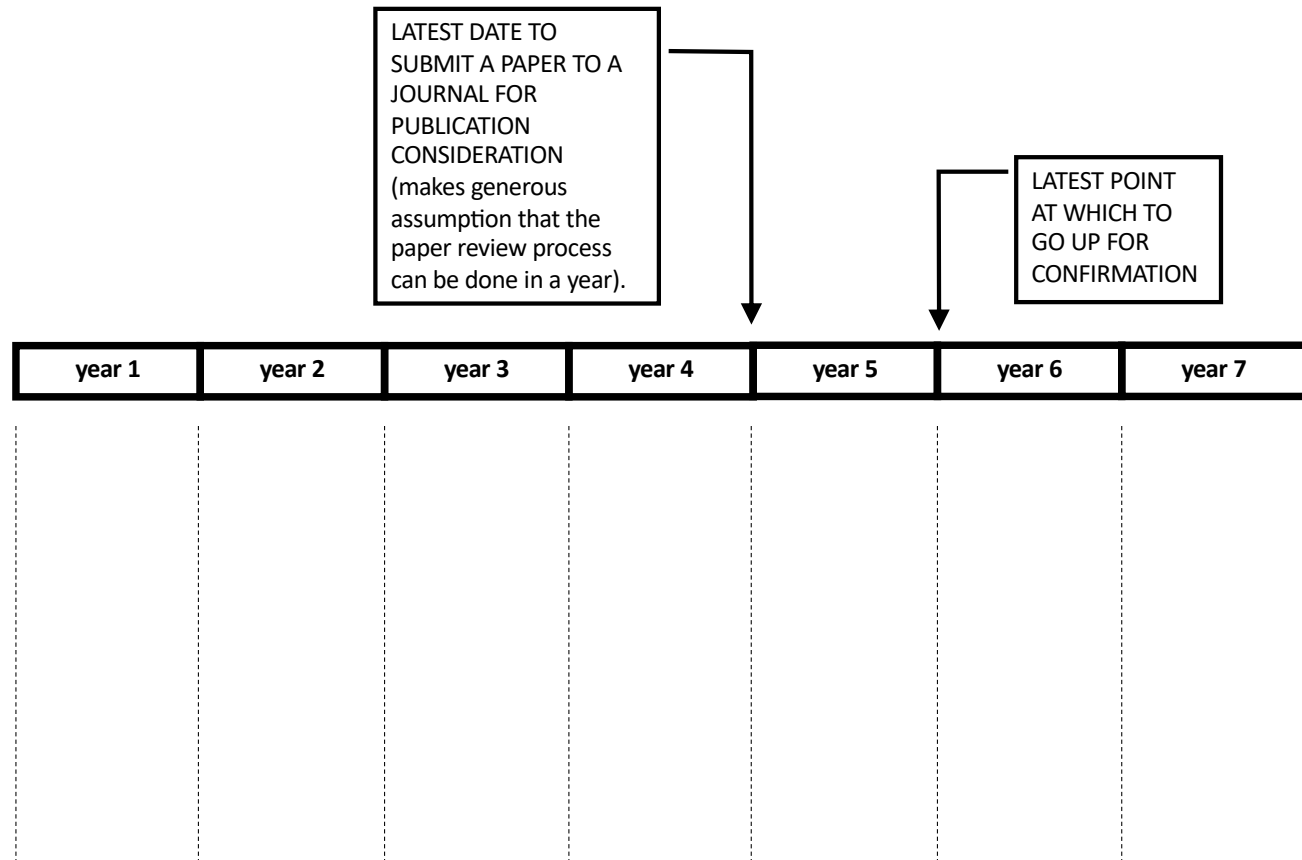
First, visualize the endpoint that you want to show up in your research portfolio. Second, draw up at least one plan that will take you to that endpoint.

You have no control over what the final confirmation decision at your university will be. You only have control over how you build up your portfolio. So whether you end up getting confirmation or you wind up looking for a new position, you are still doing the same thing today: you are building up your portfolio.

Confirmation is not just a merit-based process; it is also a social and political process, so you have to get the help and support of mentors or other senior people to help guide you through the social and political environment of the confirmation process.

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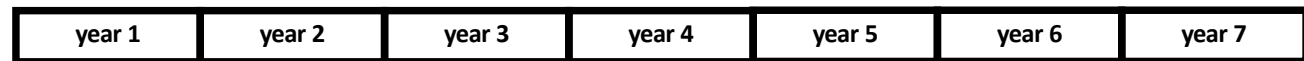


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LATEST DATE TO  
SUBMIT A PAPER TO A  
JOURNAL FOR  
PUBLICATION  
CONSIDERATION  
(makes generous  
assumption that the  
paper review process  
can be done in a year).

LATEST POINT  
AT WHICH TO  
GO UP FOR  
CONFIRMATION



paper 1: “.....”

paper 2: “.....”

paper 3: “.....”

paper 4: “.....”

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