

FASS Three Minute Thesis Comp: Register to compete by Fri 24 Aug

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Three Minute Thesis Competition Entries Now Open

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Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences

Dear FASS HDR students,

You are invited to register in the 2012 FASS 3 Minute Thesis Competition for 2012. Competitors have just three minutes to give a compelling presentation about their thesis topic and its significance. This is your opportunity to pitch your research ideas with only one powerpoint slide and 180 seconds.

Three prizes will be awarded to the top FASS finalists who will compete in the UNSW Interfaculty Final in September, with a chance to participate in the Australian/New Zealand competition in Brisbane.

See the [UNSW Graduate Research School website](#) for more details.

Eligibility

- You must be an enrolled PhD or Masters by Research student
- You may not be 'overtime', i.e. enrolled for more than 4 years f-t equivalent (PhD) or 2 years equivalent (Masters)
- You may have submitted your thesis for examination, but the examination cannot have been completed before applications close.
- You must be available to compete in all the events listed below

Timetable

APPLICATIONS CLOSE	Fri 24 August 2012
FASS final 5.00pm – 7.00pm Room G04, Central Lecture Building	Wed 28 August 2012
UNSW Interfaculty final	Tues 25 September 2012
Australia NZ final	Thurs 11 October 2012

**NB: a decision will be made if School heats are required after applications have closed.*

Prizes**FASS 2012 Three Minute Thesis Final**

- First prize \$300
- Runner-up prize \$200
- People's choice prize \$100

UNSW 2012 Three Minute Thesis Interfaculty Final

- First prize \$3,000 - plus entry into the 2012 Australia and New Zealand completion, flights and one night's accommodation in Brisbane
- Runner-up prize \$1,500
- People's choice prize \$1,000

Inaugural 2012 Australia and New Zealand Three Minute Thesis Competition

- First prize \$5,000
- Runner-up prize \$2,000
- People's choice prize \$1,000

Presentation

- Three minutes to present a compelling oration on their thesis topic and its significance, in language appropriate to an intelligent but non-specialist audience
- Competitors exceeding 3 minutes will be disqualified (a clock will be in easy view)
- One PowerPoint slide is allowed (no slide transitions)
- No additional electronic media, such as sound and video files, are allowed
- No additional props – costumes, instruments or apparatus – are allowed

Judging

Three FASS students go through to the UNSW Interfaculty Final. Two will be selected by a panel of judges; one by the audience. Each competitor will be given a score out of ten for each criterion below:

1. **Communication style** - was the thesis topic and its significance communicated in language appropriate to an intelligent but non-specialist audience?
2. **Comprehension** - did the presentation help the audience understand the research?
3. **Engagement** - did the oration make the audience want to know more?

The judges' decision is final. If the audience's first choice is also chosen by the judges' panel, the audience's second choice will be declared a winner.

What to do next?

Either apply online [here](#) or fill in the attached application form and submit to Christopher Pruze by email toc.pruze@unsw.edu.au, or in person to FASS Dean's Unit or MB 307)

Don't want to compete? Come along to see your fellow students battle for their three minutes of thesis fame! RSVP [here](#).

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Regards

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