

	1 - Marie Attard <i>The biological time machine: Using whiskers to monitor the ecology of Tasmanian devils</i>		12 - Terry Lee <i>PirB: A protector against asthma</i>
	2 - Shamila Haddad <i>Children's thermal comfort in school classrooms</i>		13 - Sumaiya Ahmed <i>The waiting game in the movie industry: Timing decisions for DVD release</i>
	3 - Felicity Kao <i>Targeted lung cancer therapies</i>		14 - Hazlin Hazrin-Chong <i>Microbes: The solution to the coal seam gas problem</i>
	4 - Shan Zhou <i>Integrated reporting: Providing the missing pieces</i>		15 - Fatima Azfal <i>Sustainability management of construction organisations</i>
	5 - Daniel Boland <i>Using iron oxides to clean up uranium contamination</i>		16 - Seimeng Lai <i>Habits of perception: The implications of virtual environments</i>
	6 - Ludmilla Khodai <i>Forced gender disguise in Afghanistan: Girls passing as boys</i>		17 - Dominic Ho Quang <i>Investment under multiple criteria</i>
	7 - Libin George <i>Reconfigurable circuits: A novel approach to reducing electronic waste</i>		18 - Matthew Komiyama <i>How to make blast furnaces last longer – A computer aided design</i>
	8 - Amrita Kapur <i>How do we stop rape being used as a weapon of war?</i>		19 - Rabia Ali <i>Predicaments of empowerment: Women's experiences of change from northern Pakistan</i>
	9 - Marc Chee <i>Making friends with your computer</i>		20 - Billie Ganendran <i>The curious mix of penguins and statistics</i>
	10 - Vikram Sridhar <i>Fluid dynamics of supersonic cavity flows</i>		21 - Johannes Luetz <i>Climate migration</i>
	11 - Vivien Shi <i>Planning for child pedestrians- Safe route to school</i>		22 - Katherine Davies <i>Parkinson's disease: Is copper the key?</i>

Please circle 1 only

2012 UNSW 3 Minute Thesis Interfaculty Final

Tuesday 25 September, 2012

Leighton Hall, John Niland Scientia Building

Arrival time

You must arrive by 4 pm by the absolute latest

You can be there from 3 pm onwards

Photography

After the presentation of prizes we'd like to take some pictures of *everyone*.

Please do not leave the front of the hall until after the photography session has been completed.

Microphones

All speakers will be fitted with lapel microphones. The battery pack for these will need to be clipped to your belt or waste band. Please ensure you wear something appropriate for this.

Invitations

You are very welcome to invite friends, colleagues and family along, even if they have not RSVPed via our website.

Running Order for Contestants

4:00	Contestants	Arrival and briefing <i>Please arrive by 4 pm by the absolute latest</i>
4:00	MC	Arrival and briefing
4:00	Judges	Arrival and briefing
4:00	Dean	Arrival and introduction to the Judges
4:00	Aspire students and staff	Arrival and briefing - photography
4:35	Dean	Welcome from Dean + introduce MC
4:40	MC	Welcome + introduce judges + explain running order, rules and prizes + start presentations
4:55	Contestants	22, one after the other, no question time
6:30	MC	Thanks and congratulate speakers + ask for people's choice votes + invite audience to reception
6:30 – 6:50		Reception + judges confer
6:50	MC	Welcome everyone back in + Invite judges up to comment
6:55	Emma Ayres	Comments and feedback
7:00	Mark Bouris	Comments and feedback
7:05	Ian Chubb	Comments and feedback
7:10	Margaret Kiley	Comments and feedback
7.15	Norman Swan	Comments and feedback
7:20 – 7:30	MC	Introduce ASPIRE reps to present their prize + Announce other winners + Dean presents awards + final congratulations and thanks + invite people to the reception
	Dean	Closing remarks – and invite everyone to reception
	Contestants, Judges, MC, Dean	Photographs - do not leave the front of the hall until after this has been done
7:30 – 8:30	Everyone welcome	Reception

2012 UNSW 3 Minute Thesis Interfaculty Final

Hosted by the Graduate Research School

Information for Contestants

*Congratulations on being chosen to represent your Faculty at the
2012 UNSW 3MT Interfaculty Final!*

This event is a great opportunity to showcase your work. It is open to the public, so feel free to invite your colleagues, friends and family along. Ask them to visit <http://research.unsw.edu.au/events/3-minute-thesis-competition-unsw-interfaculty-final> for details and to RSVP.

2012 3MT - contact Christina or Shona if you have any questions

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- 4:00 pm** Judges arrive – briefing
- 4:00 pm** **Contestants arrive for registration and briefing**
- 4:30 pm** Welcome and Introduction of the Judges
- 4:45 pm** **Presentations**

Note: due to time constraints there will **not** be time for questions after each presentation
- 6:45 pm** Judges confer

People's Choice votes collected & refreshments served
- 7:15 pm** Awards presented

Rules

- 1. Timing:** The three-minute time limit will be strictly adhered to – **anyone going over three minutes will be automatically disqualified from winning**
- 2. Slide:** **Only one PowerPoint *static* slide can be used** – there must be no animation, no movements, no changing pictures, no fading in and out, no music or sound effects, no props or costumes, etc.

If you are in *any* doubt - ask Christina or Shona (contact details above)

How will the UNSW 3MT Final be run?

Before the event

- ▶ We will have prepared one Introductory Slide for each contestant that includes the speaker's name, School, Faculty and presentation title (there will be no need for you to introduce yourself during the 3 minutes of your presentation and you do not have to include your name or other details on the slide unless you want to)

It is fine if the slide you use to enter the event is different to the one you used to win your Faculty Heat. Please send your slide to c.bacchiella@unsw.edu.au or s.blair@unsw.edu.au - **as soon as possible**.

On the day - Please arrive by 4:00 pm at the latest

- ▶ Contestants will be registered, allocated seating and briefed
- ▶ We will have a professional photographer taking a range of shots of the proceedings including individual presentations, as well as group shots, crowd shots and so on. We will ask you to sign a permission form at the briefing, allowing the Graduate Research School to use the photographs for reasonable publicity (such as on our website, in our newsletters, etc) – if you have any concerns about this at all, please feel free to discuss them with Shona Blair
- ▶ The event will start at 4:30 pm, and the presentations will begin after the Judges have been introduced
- ▶ Note: due to time constraints there will not be questions after individual presentations

Judging

Judges will be looking at the following elements of each presentation:

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 panel of Judges will give each competitor a score out of 10 for each criterion, and they will award First and Second place prizes
 - We will also have an **Aspire Award** – voted on by high-school students who are part of the UNSW Aspire Program (<http://www.aspire.unsw.edu.au/>)
 - The audience will be polled for a **People's Choice Award**

Tips for Contestants

- ▶ **Anyone who goes over 3 minutes will automatically be disqualified** (but under three minutes is fine)
- ▶ This is about communicating your research and providing the audience with the ‘big picture’ – not about getting down to the nitty-gritty details
- ▶ Think about the 3MT as a ‘pitch’ – imagine that you’re pitching to a potential funder/investor/employer and you want to convey the important features of your research in an interesting and accessible way in a very short space of time
- ▶ Keep in mind the judging criteria for the 3MT – communication style, comprehension and engagement
- ▶ Remember that the Judges and audience members (who’ll be voting in the People’s Choice Awards) all come from different fields and disciplines and may not be familiar with the finer detail of your particular field
- ▶ If you use jargon, abbreviations or technical language specific to your field, you will probably lose much of the audience (possibly including some of the Judges)
- ▶ Practise your delivery and don’t rely on notes – and then practise and practise some more. Make sure you don’t go over three minutes but also make sure you can deliver the talk without sounding flat and as though you’re just reciting something you have memorised
- ▶ The title of your presentation/slide does not have to be identical to the title of your thesis – a simpler and/or more ‘catchy’ title may be more appropriate in this case
- ▶ Previous winners often have very simple slides that have just one striking picture
- ▶ Enjoy yourself! Remember audience members are there because they are interested in what you have to say

UNSW 2012 Three Minute Thesis Interfaculty Final Prizes

- ◆ First prize \$3,000 plus entry into the 2012 Trans-Tasman Competition, flights and accommodation in Brisbane (see below)
- ◆ Runner-up prize \$1,500
- ◆ People’s choice prize \$1,000
- ◆ Aspire Award (prize TBC)

2012 Trans-Tasman Competition

The UNSW winner - and over 30 other winners from universities in Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong and the South Pacific - will enter the 2012 Trans-Tasman Competition. This will be hosted by University of Queensland in Brisbane.

Thursday 11 October, 2012

University of Queensland, Brisbane

<http://www.uq.edu.au/grad-school/three-minute-thesis>

The Dean of Graduate Research and the Graduate Research School's Student Liaison Manager will attend the Trans-Tasman Competition to support the UNSW Winner, and the Graduate Research School will organise accommodation for the night of the Competition.

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Contact **Christina** (Communications and Events Coordinator) or **Shona** (Student Liaison Manager) if you have any questions:

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Good luck – and we hope you enjoy the experience!