2011 3MT TRAINING PACK

Victoria University offers training sessions to assist students in developing presentations for the 3MT competition.

The workshops are designed to help you identify key messages within your research and develop effective communication skills, as well as rehearse your 3MT presentation in a supportive environment.

You will be given a chance to participate in one of three sessions organised by the Office of Postgraduate Research:

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Places in the training sessions are limited to approximately 10 per session, and preference will be given to students who are well advanced in their research.

To register for one of the training sessions conducted by the OPR, please complete the online registration via the training booking site.

Training sessions are conducted by Jim Buckell - a highly experienced media and communications trainer and VU's External Communications Manager.

WANT MORE INFORMATION?

**VICTORIA UNIVERSITY**

VU's Three Minute Thesis Competition. Find out all the information you need to enter the competition, including closing dates, information about training sessions, prizes, etc.

**UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND 3MT WEBSITE**

University of Queensland started the Three Minute Thesis competition. Their website has all the basic information you'll need in preparing for the competition as well as some interesting links and videos of last year's contestants.
10 TIPS FOR 3MT ENTRANTS

Melbourne University Science Student Danielle Fischer has prepared 10 handy hints for participants. Tips cover everything from what to put on your slide through to personal appearance. Very comprehensive…thanks Danielle!

2010 VU GRAND FINAL

Eder Kikianty was the winner of the 2010 VU 3MT Grand Final. She also took out the People’s Choice Award. Read more about Eder’s presentation on Banach Spaces in VUs Research Matters e-newsletter, and find out more about other winners from the 2010 competition.

ABC RADIO COVERAGE OF 3MT

“A PhD thesis explained in three minutes”

27 October 2009, 9:05 PM by Peter Gooch
Peter Gooch interviews three finalists from the 2009 UQ 3MT Competition: Emma Gagen, David MacDonald and Richard Ronay. Gooch asks the participants: ‘to get [their] academic, egg-head, geeky thesis, convert it into plain language, and pitch it to us in three minutes.’

The participants do a fantastic job! Three minutes is a long time over the radio waves…

Gooch then asks the students what benefits they gained from participating in the 3MT Competition. The students reply that participating helped them:

• Focus their topics
• Thread the “story” of the thesis together
• Explain the thesis topic to family and friends who were baffled by what their loved one was spending so much time doing!

A most interesting program, and a “must listen” for all potential participants! The standard is exceptional, however – don’t be intimidated – remember these are the very best!

3MT Competition Covered By New Zealand’s Channel Nine

“Three Minute Thesis Competition” brings out the best'

November 26, 2009 - 8:10pm

Channel 9 Dunedin interviews University of Otago doctoral candidate Chris Stoddart. Chris gives some helpful tips for presenters. He advises “distilling” your topic down to its essence, rather than trying to present the detail. He advises against trying to “push” your whole thesis into three minutes, stating that those that excel pull out only the key concepts to explore. Chris also warns that many people speak quickly when under pressure.

3MT BLOG

Geoff, a UQ mathematics student who entered the 3MT in 2009 prepared this blog entry. It gives a rundown of what the student planned to say in the competition. It gives some idea of what an entry might look like in written format. Also shows slide details.
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