

Hello all! Just wanted to send a reminder to everyone, as space is still available. Entries will be accepted until the end of Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. These presentations don't take long to put together – as they are only 3 minutes long – but could win you **\$500** for first place and **\$250** for second place! [Sign up today!](#)

- Richard Davis (on behalf of the Associate Councilors and 3MT Organizing Subcommittee)



This year, the American Society for Photobiology (ASP) will sponsor a 3-Minute Thesis competition at the Biennial Meeting in Tampa, Florida. Associate members who are current PhD students are invited to participate in the competition for a chance to win cash prizes! **The event will take place on the first day of the conference, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 3 PM.**

### ***What is the 3-Minute Thesis (3MT) competition?***

The 3-Minute Thesis competition gives a chance for participants to practice the ever-important "Elevator Speech" that is central to creating networking as well as translating your work to those layman outside your field. Participants will be given a single slide (without animations or videos) to present the significance of their scientific research to a panel of judges. Scoring is based on communication, comprehension, and engagement rather than scientific approach – and therefore accents the importance of presentation skills.

### ***Why participate in a 3MT?***

#### *Skills development for research candidates*

Participating in 3MT develops academic, presentation and research communication skills, while developing research candidates' ability to effectively explain their research in language appropriate to a non-specialist audience.

### *Building research culture in schools and institutes*

3MT provides a valuable opportunity for research higher degree candidates to come together, get to know one another and talk about their research. It also provides a supportive environment in which schools and institutes can provide presentation skills training.

### ***That sounds great and academic, but how much could I WIN!?***

The ASP will present the following monetary awards to the winners of the 3MT:

First place: \$500

Second place: \$250

Audience favorite: \$100 (voted on by attendees)

### ***What are the rules for the competition?***

- A single static PowerPoint slide is permitted (no slide transitions, animations or 'movement' of any description, the slide is to be presented from the beginning of the oration).
- No additional electronic media (e.g. sound and video files) are permitted.
- No additional props (e.g. costumes, musical instruments, laboratory equipment) are permitted.
- Presentations are limited to 3 minutes maximum and competitors exceeding 3 minutes are disqualified.
- Presentations are to be spoken word (e.g. no poems, raps or songs).
- Presentations are to commence from the stage.
- Presentations are considered to have commenced when a presenter starts their presentation through movement or speech.
- The decision of the adjudicating panel is final.

### ***Where can I sign up?***

Interested? Sign up at <https://goo.gl/forms/6pVPrQLSWafPh1yt1>. **Responses are due by April 30th, 2018.** Due to the allotted time for the event at the conference, space is limited. Register today!

### ***Where are some examples?***

Easy! Thousands of examples can be found [here](#). The observant eye may also recognize one of our own in the examples [here](#)... BUT REMEMBER this event had a whole two extra minutes! Take it from a previous contestant...you're going to want to practice this one. Time goes fast, and you definitely don't want to be disqualified!

Want a few pointers? Try looking at "[How to make the most of your 3 minutes](#)" or this presentation on "[How to present your thesis in 3 minutes](#)"!

Questions? Email us at [Richard.davisiv@uphs.upenn.edu](mailto:Richard.davisiv@uphs.upenn.edu) or [dfajuyigbe@googlemail.com](mailto:dfajuyigbe@googlemail.com)!

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### **SEE YOU IN TAMPA!**

We are now on social media!

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Facebook: @ASPhotobiology (or search American Society for Photobiology)

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/photobiology/>