

Dear Lund University Doctoral Students,

As the Universitas 21 (U21) Network Officer at Lund University, I want to encourage all of you to enter the Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) competition, scheduled to take place on 2 October 2018 from 14:00-16:00 at Stora Alkatan 4, Room 128.

### **WHAT IS 3MT®?**

The Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) celebrates the exciting research conducted by PhD students from around the world. Developed by The University of Queensland (UQ), the competition cultivates students' academic, presentation, and research communication skills. Presenting in a 3MT competition increases one's capacity to effectively explain one's research in three minutes, in a language appropriate to a non-specialist audience. Competitors are allowed one PowerPoint slide, but no other resources or props. Please note that Lund University will record your presentation in order to be able to submit the winning presentations to the global, U21 competition.

*Get some inspiration from past presentations here: <https://threeminutethesis.uq.edu.au/watch-3mt>*

### **WHO CAN ENTER THE COMPETITION?**

Active PhD and Professional Doctorate (research) candidates who have successfully passed their confirmation milestone (including candidates whose thesis is under submission) by the date of their first presentation are eligible to participate in 3MT competitions at all levels, including the Asia-Pacific 3MT competition. Graduates are not eligible.

### **HOW WILL I BE JUDGED?**

Your presentation will be judged on comprehension, content, engagement and communication.

### **WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?**

Winners of the LU competition will be entered in the global U21 competition to compete with other PhDs from around the world to win:

- 1st Prize = US\$2,500
- Highly Commended/2nd Prize = US\$500
- People's Choice Prize = US\$300

### **HOW TO REGISTER**

Please email [pouneh.eftekhari@er.lu.se](mailto:pouneh.eftekhari@er.lu.se) with your full name, department, and PhD topic no later than 24 September 2018 to register for the competition.

Looking forward to learning more about your research...in 3 minutes!

Best Regards,

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