Entries are now open for the 5 Minute Research Pitch Competition

The 5RP is a great opportunity for researchers to showcase their research to a national audience and be in the running to win funding to support their future research.

Researchers will be required to deliver a five-minute presentation of their current or recently completed research with the aid of three PowerPoint slides. The competition is similar to the 3 Minute Thesis competition run nationally for PhD students.

The competition is open to active researchers at Levels A, B, and C. The first place winner in each of the groupings in the Institutional Finals will proceed to the National Finals. The groupings are:

- Group One – Sciences and Health
- Group Two – Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences.

Researchers from the following universities will compete at the National Finals hosted by the University of Southern Queensland:

- Central Queensland University
- Charles Sturt University
- Southern Cross University
- University of Southern Queensland
- University of Tasmania
- Victoria University

Key dates:

Monday 3 September: Entries close

Tuesday 30 October: Institutional Final at the CQU Rockhampton Campus

Monday 19 November: National Final at the USQ Springfield Campus

How to enter

To enter, please send an email to Dr Lynette Browning advising your intention to participate. You will then need to record your 5 minute research pitch and submit it to a OneDrive folder by Monday 3 September.
Eligibility

- The competition is open to Level A, B, and C academics from participating universities, provided they have an employment contract (continuing or fixed-term) current at the time of the national finals.
- Past overall winners are not eligible, but divisional winners, place-getters, and other finalists may re-enter.
- The competition is designed to showcase recent research projects. Research presented must be current, meaning either in the process of being completed or published in 2017 or 2018, and will be judged against the six criteria detailed in part six of the guidelines.

Discipline Groupings

The first place winner of each of the groupings in the Institutional Finals will proceed to the National Finals. Second place getters will be named as reserves. The groupings are as follows:

**Group One – Sciences and Health**
- Biological Sciences and Biotechnology
- Health and Medical Sciences
- Engineering, Mathematics and Informatics
- Physics, Chemistry and Earth Sciences

**Group Two – Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences**
- Humanities and Creative Arts
- Education, Social and Behavioural Sciences
- Law
- Business, Commerce and Economics

CQUUniversity Institutional Heat and Nomination Process

To participate in the National Finals it is a requirement that each university first runs an Institutional Heat. The winner from each of the discipline groupings listed from each institution will then participate in the national finals. The CQUUniversity Institutional Heat will be conducted in two stages:

1. Entrants will record their 5 Minute Research Pitch and submit it to a OneDrive folder by Monday 3 September 2018. The CQUUniversity judges will view the recordings and shortlist applicants to proceed to the Institutional Final.
2. The shortlisted applicants will deliver a 5-minute presentation of their recent research with the aid of 3 PowerPoint slides to a panel in front of an audience at the Institutional Final on Tuesday 30 October at the CQU Rockhampton Campus

Two winners will be selected, one from each of the discipline groupings. The two winners will each receive $1,000 into their research account, plus travel support to attend the National Finals at the University of Southern Queensland Springfield Campus on Monday 19 November 2018.

More information:

For a copy of the competition guidelines please contact Dr Lynette Browning at lynette.browning@cqu.edu.au