

## The Three Minute Thesis Competition (3MT™) Call to Participate

*GradProSkills* is now welcoming abstracts and registration for the first annual Three Minute Thesis Competition (3MT™) to be organized at Concordia University Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 pm.

### What is the 3MT?

The Three Minute Thesis (3MT™) is an academic completion developed by the University of Queensland (UQ), Australia for research students. It's a presentation contest where you get the opportunity to explain your research topic in easy to understand terms to a diverse non-specialist audience. Each contestant is to present a clear, concise, yet engaging presentation of their research project in a total of **3 minutes**.

### What are the Benefits?

- Develop academic and research communication skills.
- Be able to explain your complex ideas in simple and understandable terms – a necessary professional skill for all graduate students.
- Share your research with the entire university community.
- Meet and network with other graduate researchers.
- It's a lot of fun!

### How does it work?

Students have three minutes to present a compelling oration on their thesis topic and its significance, in language appropriate to an intelligent, non-specialist audience. The 3MT Competition is designed to encourage graduate researchers to develop their communication skills while sharing their research with others. Students are not allowed to use props, nor may they give demonstrations. What they *can* use to facilitate their presentation is a single PowerPoint slide that they have prepared in advance.

Three separate contests will be held: 1. master program students 2. PhD students 3. Postdoctoral Fellows.

### How will I get ready?

*GradProSkills* will be offering coaching seminars and matching students with expert communication coaches to prepare all students for the 3MT. Students must register prior to attending the information session and coaching sessions. Registration for the information session will begin January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

<u>Information Session</u>	Wednesday, February 15, 2012 @ 4:00 pm
<u>Coaching Session</u>	Wednesday, February 29, 2012 @ 4:00 pm
<u>Coaching Session Webinar (en français)</u>	Wednesday, March 7, 2012 @ 1:30 pm
<u>Coaching Feedback Session for Registered Participants</u>	Wednesday, March 21, 2012 @ 4:00

### Prizes:

The Grand Prize winner will receive a travel grant to present their research at a conference related to the contestant's field of study. **Special Note:** The top two contestants presenting in French will receive an opportunity to represent Concordia University at the 2012 ACFAS Congress (L'Association francophone pour le savoir) and compete against other institutions from across the province! (see the 3MT webpage at *GradProSkills* for more information).

**Registration:** To register for the competition send your research abstract (max. 250 words) and a letter of support from supervisor or department GPD to [gradproskills@graduatestudies.concordia.ca](mailto:gradproskills@graduatestudies.concordia.ca) before Wednesday, March 14, 2012.

**For more information about the competition guidelines and to access coaching tips  
visit the Concordia 3MT 2012 Competition webpage at  
[concordia.ca/gradproskills](http://concordia.ca/gradproskills)**