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## Meeting of the Minds Conference, 3MT finals showcase student research to virtual audience

Join the best and brightest undergraduate, graduate and post-doctoral researchers at the University of Lethbridge for a Meeting of the Minds on **Friday, March 26**.

**WHAT**: Meeting of the Minds multidisciplinary conference and 3MT Finals

**WHEN**: Friday, March 26, 2021, 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**WHERE**: Online, ZOOM links available upon FREE registration

The Meeting of the Minds Conference, hosted by the University of Lethbridge



Graduate Students' Association (GSA), features five- and 10-minute talks representing a wide variety of research taking place on campus. Registration is free to all those who wish to attend. The conference will use the Zoom web platform which will allow participants to see the various aspects of the conference.

Following opening remarks at 9 a.m., research talks get going at 9:15 a.m. These talks and poster presentations are quick snapshots of some of the amazing work U of L students are engaged in, and are intended for a general audience.

The breadth and depth of the research is remarkable and includes everything from examinations of whether children should be part of family violence discussions with therapists, to the psychology of weight management approaches to DNA and RNA repair.

"I think most people would be surprised at how many different kinds of research are taking place at the University on a daily basis," says Rachel Stark, GSA vice-president

student life. "The work we are doing as students is of a high quality and makes key contributions to our fields of study and to society as a whole."

Also included in Meeting of the Minds are the Three Minute Thesis (3MT) finals and the annual Images of Research competition. The 3MT finals begin at 5 p.m. and feature the top students from qualifying heats presenting their research in just three-minute segments. 3MT is an international research communication competition originating from the University of Queensland. The winner will go on to represent the U of L at the Western Regional Competition in May.

Awards will also be presented for the Images of Research competition, which provides a unique opportunity for graduate students to display their research, scholarly and artistic work.

For more information and to register for <u>Meeting of the Minds</u>, visit this link: <u>https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/meeting-of-the-minds3mt-tickets-143018406905</u>.

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