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Meeting of the Minds conference to showcase graduate student work

The University of Lethbridge’s School of Graduate Studies and the Graduate Students’ Association will host the Three Minute Thesis (3MT) and Images of Research (IoR) competition in collaboration with the Meeting of the Minds conference on Saturday, March 23 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

“I’d like to invite everyone in the Lethbridge community to come and learn more about the exciting research being carried out by ULethbridge graduate students,” says Dr. Jackie Rice, associate vice-president (research) and dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs. “The topics they are exploring are interesting and relevant to the world we are currently living in, and the enthusiasm they have to share their work with the public is worth experiencing.”

The 3MT competition challenges graduate students to talk about their research and its significance in three minutes using language appropriate to a non-specialist audience, along the lines of an elevator pitch. This year’s finals feature 10 students and include topics such as chronic gut inflammation, coping behaviours in rats, identifying what makes slot machines so enticing and viruses affecting honeybees.

The finals are scheduled from 10:30 a.m. to noon in Science Commons SA6008 and online. The winner will go on to represent the University of Lethbridge at the Western Regional 3MT at UBC Okanagan in May. Voting for the People’s Choice 3MT award opens at 10:30 a.m. Saturday and closes at 11:55 a.m.

The Images of Research competition features eight photographs, each with a brief abstract that describes the research. Voting for the People’s Choice IoR award will be open for 24 hours starting at noon on Friday, March 22 and closing at 11:55 a.m. on Saturday.

Learn more about this year’s competitions at [Graduate Research Competitions](#).

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