

**Call for Abstracts:
3 Minute Research Presentation (3MRP) Competition**

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINE: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023 at 11:59 pm

Students from all graduate academic programs and from all campuses including the Phoenix Biomedical Campus, NAU Online, and statewide campuses are encouraged to participate.

Purpose

The Graduate College, in collaboration with the Office of the Provost, the Office of the Vice President for Research, Cline Library, and the academic colleges, is hosting the annual 3-Minute Research Presentation (3MRP) Competition. The 3MRP Competition provides an opportunity for NAU graduate students to present their thesis, dissertation, capstone research, scholarship, and/or creative work to an intelligent, non-specialist audience in just three minutes. This professional development opportunity is designed to increase and improve graduate students' communication skills as well as their capacity to effectively present research, scholarship, or creative work.

Background

The 3MRP project draws heavily from the [Three Minute Thesis \(3MT®\)](#) presentation, which was first developed by the University of Queensland in 2008. This form of research communication is aimed at "developing academic, presentation, and research communication skills and supports the development of research students' capacity to effectively explain their research in three minutes in a language appropriate to an intelligent but non-specialist audience."

3MRP Competition students may present research or scholarly work that they are conducting for a thesis, dissertation, creative work, or non-thesis research capstone project that they are working on while pursuing their master's or doctoral degree at NAU.

For presentation examples, visit the NAU [3MRP webpage](#), which provides links to excellent presentations made by students from different disciplines as well as other resources. You may also view presentations from the 2019 preliminary heats and final presentations on [YouTube](#) and hear previous 3MRP competitors talk about their [3MRP experience](#).

Participant Timeline (Please email any questions about the Participant Timeline to 3MRP@nau.edu)

By February 5 at 11:59 pm	Submit your abstract using the Abstract Submission Form . Select preliminary heat (March 21st and 22nd) modality preference either via Zoom or In Person. If modality preference is not indicated, the preliminary heat will be scheduled via Zoom. NOTE: The final 3MRP presentations will only be held In Person (in Flagstaff at the High Country Conference Center) on Thursday, April 6 th .
February 6 by 5:00pm	Applicants notified of abstract acceptance via students' NAU email.
February 10 (3:00-4:00)	Presenters attend Collaborative Info Session with Q&A of 1 hour via Zoom (Zoom link to be provided). All details about and training for the event are covered in the

	information session. Will be recorded and posted for later viewing, if unable to attend.
February 11-19	Prepare video submission for the practice sessions - Suggested preparation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Judging Criteria, Rules, Evaluation Form, and Additional Resources • Meet with Cline Research Librarian to discuss research and presentation • Create practice session 3MRP slide • Practice 3MRP Presentation
By February 19 at 11:59 pm	Submit <i>practice session</i> 3MRP slide and video submission to 3MRP@nau.edu
March 6 by 5:00pm	Feedback (provided by UGC review committee) sent to presenters on practice session video submission
By March 9 at 11:59pm	Submit Preliminary Heats slide to 3MRP@nau.edu
March 21 or March 22	Preliminary heats (15-minute increments) via Zoom (Zoom link to be provided) or In Person (if preferred by student) Suggested preparation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice 3MRP Presentation • Solicit feedback from peers • Edit slide
March 23 by 5:00 pm	Notification of finalists to students' NAU email
By March 30 at 11:59 pm	Finalists - submit bio, headshot, and <i>finals</i> 3MRP slide to 3MRP@nau.edu
March 24-April 3	Prepare for the finals - Suggested preparation for finalists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice finalized 3MRP Presentation • Solicit feedback from mentor and peers • Edit slides
Thursday, April 6 from 3:00-5:00 pm	Final 3MRP Presentations at the High Country Conference Center (other students, finalists' guests, faculty members, administrators, and community members are all invited to attend).

Presentation Information

Most abstracts are accepted, and all students are encouraged to participate in the practice sessions, regardless of their intent to compete. Students will present their research/creative work and its significance face-to-face and compete in heats before advancing to the finals. Students currently enrolled in an online/statewide program who are actively conducting research as part of their degree and who wish to participate should submit an abstract.

The preliminary heats are scheduled for **March 21st** and **22nd** via Zoom or In Person (if preferred by the student).

The finalists will present their three-minute presentation in person on **Thursday April 6, 2023, from 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm**. Prizes will be awarded for the top three winners. Finalists will receive additional information about presenting in the finals.

The Graduate College will provide information and training/practice sessions in preparation for the presentations during February and March (see timeline above). These presentations will be open to all graduate students and students whose abstracts are accepted. To participate in this competition attendance is required at these information and practice sessions.

Abstract Guidelines

Students who are interested in participating should submit their abstract using the [Abstract Submission Form](#).

The form requires a brief abstract of 100-500 words that describes the research or creative work and its significance for a general academic audience of non-specialists.

Student Eligibility

- The competition is open to master's and doctoral students in [good academic standing](#) who have made substantial progress on research and analysis or creative work related to their academic program. Students from all academic programs are encouraged to participate.
- Presentations must be based on research directly related to the student's thesis, dissertation, creative work, current research capstone project, or other coursework. Research related to past or current employment will not be accepted.
- Students do not need to have complete data analysis or be "defense ready" on their capstone, thesis, or dissertation work to participate in the 3MRP competition. However, we are looking for students who have made progress on their project, research, creative work, etc. and can prepare a presentation that addresses scope, significance, and impact of their work. Presenting preliminary data, pilot study data, and preliminary results is fine; results do not necessarily need to be conclusive.
- Students must be enrolled at the time of entry but may still compete if they defended and submitted their final thesis or dissertation prior to the conclusion of the competition in April 2023.
- **Students must not have graduated prior to March 1, 2023.**
- Participants from previous 3MRP events are eligible to participate.
- All competitors must commit to attending one information session and one practice session (see timeline above).
- All competitors will be required to agree to be recorded and to media exposure for their presentation and research.

Application/Abstract Submission

Abstracts must be submitted electronically by using the [Abstract Submission Form](#) by **Sunday, February 5th by 11:59 pm.**

Abstract Review

The following criteria will be used to evaluate abstracts:

1. Clarity of the project's focus (What is the purpose of the project?)
2. Significance of the research or creative activity (Why is this project important?)
3. Impact of the research or creative activity (What application does this project have?)

Questions regarding 3MRP?
Email us at: 3MRP@nau.edu

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