

3 Minute Research Presentation (3MRP) Competition Fall 2024

INFORMATION SESSION: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th, 4:00-5:00pm, via Zoom
<https://nau.zoom.us/j/88289243375?pwd=SmN2UTVnZHpsUmNaalFvdkZsaXRQUT09>

Meeting ID: 882 8924 3375 Password: 3MRP

**RECORDED PRACTICE VIDEO & SLIDE SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6th, 2024**

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 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 to an educated, non-specialist audience in just three minutes. This professional development opportunity is designed to enhance graduate students' communication skills as well as their capacity to effectively present research, scholarship, or creative work.

Background

The 3MRP is modeled after the [Three Minute Thesis \(3MT[®]\)](#) competition, 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."

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

Participant Timeline:

(Please email any questions to 3MRP@nau.edu)

September 19th 4:00-5:00pm	Attend Collaborative Info Session with Q&A via Zoom (see pg. 1). All details about and training for the event are covered in the information session. The session will be recorded and posted for later viewing, for those unable to attend.
September 20th-October 5th	Prepare slide & video submission for the practice sessions - Suggested preparation: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review Judging Criteria, Rules, Evaluation Form, and Additional Resources https://nau.edu/graduate-college/3-minute-research-presentation/• Meet with Cline Research Librarian to discuss research and presentation• Create 3MRP slide• Create & record 3MRP Presentation (Similar to presenting in the preliminary heats & final competition e.g., standing (if possible); dressed professionally; no prompts (notecards, etc.) or reading of material)
By October 6th	Submit <i>practice session</i> 3MRP slide and video submission to 3MRP@nau.edu
October 16th	Feedback (provided by UGC review committee) sent to presenters on practice session video submission
By October 23rd	Submit Preliminary Heats slide to 3MRP@nau.edu and sign up for Preliminary Heat date/time (link will be provided)
October 30th or 31st	Preliminary heats (15-minute increments) via Zoom (link to be provided) Suggested preparation: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Practice 3MRP Presentation Standing (if possible) in preparation for final 3MRP competition; dressed professionally; NO reading or use of prompts/notecards (participant will be disqualified)• Solicit feedback from peers• Edit slide
November 1st	Notification of finalists to students' NAU email
By November 7th	Finalists - submit bio, headshot, and <i>final</i> 3MRP slide to 3MRP@nau.edu
November 2nd – 13th	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 single, static slide
Thursday, November 14th 3:30-5:00pm	Final 3MRP Presentations (specific location details to come) in Flagstaff, AZ (other students, finalists' guests, faculty members, administrators, and community members are all invited to attend).

Presentation Information

The Graduate College will provide a required informational session on **September 19th** in preparation for the 3MRP presentations. Students must attend or view the recording of the informational session prior to the recorded practice presentation submission deadline of **October 6th**.

Students will present their research/creative work through a recorded practice session, followed by the preliminary heat competition on **October 30th and 31st** via Zoom. The top presentations from the preliminary heats will advance to the in-person final competition.

The finalists will present their three-minute presentations in-person on **Thursday, November 14, 2024, from 3:30pm – 5:00pm at the NAU Flagstaff Mountain Campus (specific location details to come)**. Prizes will be awarded for the top three winners. Finalists will receive additional information about presenting in the finals.

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 similar projects. Research related to past or current employment (outside of NAU) will not be accepted.
- Students do not need to have complete data analysis or be "defense ready" to participate in the 3MRP competition. However, we are looking for students who have made progress on their project and can prepare a presentation that addresses the 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 NAU as a graduate student during the fall semester.
- Participants from previous 3MRP events are eligible to participate, however the top 3 finishers from previous 3MRPs are not eligible to compete.
- All competitors must attend the information session (or watch the recording) and submit a recorded practice presentation by the due date.
- All competitors will be asked to agree to be recorded and allow media exposure for their presentation and research.

Application Submission

Practice Presentation/Slide must be submitted to 3MRP@nau.edu by **Sunday, October 6th**.