



The 9th Annual Grad Forum will take place on Friday, May 11, 2018 from 9:30 to 4:00 in the EMU. Graduate students are encouraged to submit proposal to present their work in one of three formats: Poster, Three-Minute Thesis, or Panel Presentation (format details below). **The submission deadline is Thursday, March 15, 2018 by 1 p.m.**

The Grad Forum provides an excellent professional development opportunity for graduate students to share their research with a broad audience of faculty, other graduate students, undergraduates, and members of the larger community. It's also a great way to make interdisciplinary connections -- and compete to win up to \$500!

Graduate students can participate in one of three ways:

- 1. Poster Submissions:** Research posters concisely summarize research and provide a starting place for discussion. Posters are typically a combination of brief text with tables, graphs, and/or pictures. At the Graduate Student Research Forum, researchers will stand by their posters to discuss and answer questions about their research.
 - To propose a poster, submit a title; a 150-word abstract describing your research; and a 140-character thumbnail summary to be used for Forum promotional materials (about 25-28 words). Posters previously developed for past presentations or in development for future presentation at other conferences are welcome. Posters are categorized by field; first place in each category will win \$200. (Last year there were 8 categories.) There is also a People's Choice Winner as voted on by Forum attendees with a prize of \$200.
- 2. Three-Minute Thesis Submissions:** The Three-Minute Thesis (3MT) competition gives students no more than 3 minutes – and one slide - to present their research. This cultivates students' capacity to effectively explain their research concisely in language appropriate to a non-specialist audience.
 - To participate, submit a title; a 150-word abstract describing your research; and a 140-character thumbnail summary to be used for the promotional materials (about 25-28 words). Presenters will have 3 minutes (no more!) to present their research at the Forum and they can use one static slide. For more information on the 3MT click [here](#). First place wins \$500; second place \$300; third place \$200 – and the "People's Choice" gets \$100. First, second and third place winners have the opportunity to compete in the statewide 3MT competition, held in Portland on Saturday, June 2, 2018.

3. Panel Presentation Submissions: Panels are comprised of talks by three to five graduate students (total presentation time is 1 hour). At least two different degree programs must be represented for the panel to be competitive for prizes (although we encourage you to indulge your interdisciplinary desires to the maximum extent!), and the talks should share a common theme or topic.

- Each panel must designate a panel moderator. The **panel moderator** will provide the overall panel title and a 300-word abstract describing the panel theme in addition to the title and 140-character thumbnail summary of their individual talk. The registration will guide you through the process.
- All other panelists will be asked to provide the name and email of the panel moderator (we will use this person to link the individual panel member's registrations), the title and 140-character thumbnail summary of their individual talk.
- If you have an idea about a panel and need help fleshing it out or finding other participants to complete your panel, we will have a "speed dating" event Feb. 15 from 4-6 p.m. at Falling Sky Pizzeria to help match panel presenters.

Deadline for all Grad Forum 2018 submissions: Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 1 pm.

Link for submissions:

[Registration for 2018 Grad Research Forum](#)

Information about the Grad Forum can be found on our website at: gradforum.uoregon.edu