

# **“My PhD in Three Minutes”**

## **Competition Regulations**

### **General Provisions**

#### **§1**

1. The “My PhD Thesis in Three Minutes” competition (hereinafter referred to as “the Competition”) is organized by the Wrocław University of Environmental and Life Sciences.
2. The Competition is an academic event aimed at promoting and enhancing the communication skills of PhD students.
3. The Competition provides an opportunity for PhD students to present their research in a concise and engaging manner to a non-specialist audience.
4. The Competition is governed by these regulations. By participating in the Competition, participants agree to abide by these regulations.
5. Any disputes or disagreements that arise during the Competition will be handled by a committee set up for this purpose.

### **Definitions**

#### **§ 2**

1. Whenever the regulations mention:
  - 1) University - this should be understood as the Wrocław University of Environmental and Life Sciences;
  - 2) Doctoral School – this should be understood as the Doctoral School at the Wrocław University of Environmental and Life Sciences;
  - 3) PhD students – this means a doctoral student of the Doctoral School at the Wrocław University of Environmental and Life Sciences;

## **Purpose**

### **§ 3**

The purpose of the Competition is to encourage PhD students to present their research topic in a concise and engaging manner, within a time limit of three minutes.

## **Eligibility**

### **§ 4**

The Competition is open to all PhD students currently enrolled at the University. Researchers who have submitted their doctoral thesis and are preparing for their defense are also eligible.

## **Presentation Rules**

### **§ 5**

1. Each participant must prepare a presentation of their research topic lasting a minimum of 2 minutes and a maximum of 3 minutes.
2. Presentations must be prepared in English.
3. Only one static slide may be used to support the presentation. No slide transitions or animations are allowed.
4. The slide must be presented from the beginning of the oration.
5. No additional electronic media (e.g., sound and video files) are permitted.
6. No additional props (e.g., costumes, musical instruments, laboratory equipment) are permitted.
7. Presentations are to be spoken words (e.g., no poems, raps, or songs).
8. No notes may be used.
9. Presentations are to commence from the designated place.
10. Presentations are considered to have commenced when a presenter starts their presentation through either movement or speech.
11. Presentations exceeding 3 minutes will result in disqualification.

## **Submission**

### **§ 6**

1. Participants must send a sample video of their presentation to the University Commission to the provided Google Forms link <https://forms.gle/PsRa4bJpiGJVgtBQ8> .
2. The deadline is April 15th 2024.

## **Evaluation**

### **§ 7**

1. The Commission will select the top 10 presentations that will proceed to the second stage.
2. In frames of the second stage selected candidates will present their presentations live in front of the audience and the Commission on time during the “Dni Przyrodników” (Nature Days) organized on May 25, 2024.
3. Speakers will be assessed by the Commission against an established set of criteria set out in Annex 1.

## **Prizes**

### **§ 8**

1. All participants, whose recordings will meet the conditions of the Competition will receive 1 ECTS point in the category of scientific self-improvement in the area of scientific meeting in the institutions referred to in Art. 7 section 1 of the Act of July 20, 2018 - Law on Higher Education and Science, excluding scientific societies at UPWr, based on certificates of participation issued by the Commission.
2. The winners will receive financial support: for 1st place - PLN 3,000, 2nd place - PLN 2,000, 3rd place - PLN 1,500 to be spent under § 10, section 1, point 3 of the Rules for granting funds for the purpose of maintaining the scientific, research and development potential of the Doctoral School of the Wrocław University of Environmental and Life Sciences.
3. Certificates of participation will be awarded to all PhD students who submit their movie in accordance with these regulations by the end of May 2024.

## **Publication and Intellectual Property Rights**

### **§ 9**

1. The presentations will be filmed.
2. The videos of the top three winners will be published on the UPWr website and widely distributed through the social media channels.
3. By participating in the competition, participants consent to their presentations being filmed and potentially shared on social media.
4. Participants retain the rights to their presentations. However, by participating in the Competition, they grant the University free of charge and territorially unlimited license right for an indefinite period to use their presentations and videos for promotional purposes by: entering into computer memory, publication on the University website and social media, public displays, etc.
5. Participants agree to the recording and dissemination of their image within the framework promotional activities of the University.

## **Committee**

### **§ 10**

1. The Committee will be appointed by the Rector of UPWr. The Committee will consist of two members of the Doctoral School Council, two representatives of the Doctoral Students' Self-Government, a representative of EU GREEN, a representative of the Promotion Department and a representative of the Library.