

Research Student Showcase

Sponsorship Proposal

Be Part of UC's Research Student Showcase – Celebrate Innovation in Just Three Minutes

The Three Minute Thesis (3MT) is a dynamic, fast-paced competition where postgraduate students present their research in just three minutes, using only one PowerPoint slide. It's held in over 900 universities across 85 countries. We are proud to host the **2025 Research Student Showcase** on **Wednesday 6 August**, and we warmly invite you to be part of this inspiring event.

The evening is a celebration of UC's brilliant Master's and PhD students, who will present their research in engaging, accessible ways. It's not only a fantastic display of talent but also a platform for students to hone their presentation skills and connect with a broader community.

The programme features:

- Live finals of the Three Minute Thesis (3MT)
- Visualise Your Thesis and Exhibit Your Thesis displays
- A People's Choice Award this is your chance to vote!
- Prize giving recognising excellence and innovation across all competitions

We invite you to get involved! When you support a prize or the event, your donation will go straight to students, empower their research, and help them grow their capabilities as they bring their hard work to life.

The prizes are as follows:

	1st	2nd	3rd	People's Choice
3 Minute Thesis	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$750	\$500
Visualise Your Thesis	\$1,000	\$500	\$250	\$250
Exhibit Your Thesis	\$750	\$500	\$250	

We are looking forward to hearing from you, get in touch with Charu to explore your options.

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Celebrating UC's Emerging Researchers – Research Student Showcase 2024



In 2024, Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury brought together three flagship postgraduate competitions for the first time under one inspiring event—Whakāturanga Rangahau | Research Student Showcase. This vibrant celebration of research, creativity, and community highlighted the talent and impact of UC's graduate students, who continue to ask big questions and inspire change.

Held in front of an enthusiastic audience of friends, whānau, and the UC community, the Showcase celebrated the creativity, clarity, and impact of our Master's and Doctoral students through three engaging formats. Research from all disciplines was featured, from earthquakes and sciences to bio Medical

In the 3MT (Three Minute Thesis) Final, students had just three minutes to present their research to a panel of judges. Brittany Ogden-Travis won both First Prize and the People's Choice Award for her thesis Listening to Children in Aotearoa New Zealand, earning a research grant and a place in the Asia-Pacific finals.

The VYT (Visualise Your Thesis) competition challenged students to create one-minute audiovisual summaries of their research. Kirsty Newman won First Prize for her piece on packaged food decisions, which was selected for international competition.

New in 2024, the EYT (Exhibit Your Thesis) poster competition showcased student research through visual displays in the Central Library and during the Showcase. Katherine Revell received the first prize, her research focused on performing arts participation.

As we prepare for 2025, we invite your support to grow this event your funding helps empower emerging researchers and connect them with the community. We look forward to welcoming you to this year's Research Showcase and sharing its success with you.



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Thank you for supporting the University of Canterbury Research Student Showcase!