

Further Information and Competition Rules

Presentations

Entry in this category is best suited to reports on completed or nearly completed research. Entrants should be in their final third of their research studies or have recently completed their studies. Authors are asked to provide a summary or overview of their work, describing the essential features, in the form of an abstract in the first instance.

The formal oral presentation is limited to 20 minutes, there will be a short period of time after each presentation for Q&A and group discussion.

You are asked to submit a paper not exceeding 5000 words in length (including abstract, figures, references and appendices) along with a short biography of up to 50 words by **Monday 18th October 2021**.

Papers presented at the conference will be published, with your permission in the online conference proceedings, and there will be a prize for the paper judged to be the best at the conference. This will be announced before the conference closes on Tuesday 9 November 2021.

3MT Competition

Entrants will present live online at DSDS 21 and take part in a pre-event briefing session. You are asked to submit a single PowerPoint slide along with a short biography of up to 50 words including an interesting or funny fact about yourself by **Monday 18th October 2021**.

The Three Minute Thesis (3MT®), developed by the University of Queensland in 2008, is a skills development activity that challenges research students to explain their research project to a non-specialist audience in just three minutes.

Rules of Entry

- A single static PowerPoint slide in widescreen format (16:9) is permitted (no slide transitions, animations or 'movement' of any description, the slide is to be presented from the beginning of the oration).
- No additional electronic media (e.g. sound and video files) are permitted
- No additional props (e.g. costumes, musical instruments, laboratory equipment) are permitted.
- **Presentations are limited to 3 minutes maximum and competitors exceeding 3 minutes are disqualified.**
- Presentations are to be spoken word (e.g. no poems, raps or songs).
- Presentations are considered to have commenced when a presenter starts their presentation through movement or speech.
- The decision of the adjudicating panel is final.

Judging Criteria

Each researcher will be judged by a panel of judges on comprehension and content as well as engagement and communication. There will be a prize for the best 3MT at the conference. This will be announced before the conference closes on Tuesday 9 November 2021.

Image Competition

Use your camera or phone to produce your unique image which captures the essence of your research, or an element of your research, in a visual, artistic or photographic way. You can use software to manipulate and enhance the image if you wish. Examples may be found on the [University of Strathclyde](#) and [Manchester Metropolitan University](#) Websites

All you then need to do is send a snappy title and a summary of between 100 and 150 words to explain how that image relates to your research to info@symposiaatshivenham.com by **Monday 18th October 2021**. Please enter 'DSDS 21 Image Entry' in the subject line.

Image check list:

Unique	Your image must be a photo or some artwork/diagram etc which you have created yourself, not something downloaded from Wikimedia or other image.
Connections	Your image needs, in some way, to connect to, to comment on and/or to represent your research.
Colour & Creativity	Your image can be in full colour, sepia, or black and white and either landscape or portrait. You can use any graphics package to create and/or enhance your image. You can be as creative as you like to capture the viewer's imagination.
Image Resolution	Your image must be high resolution (400 – 500Mb).
Image file format	Either a .jpg or .png format but we CANNOT accept .gif files.
What else is needed?	In a word file send a snappy title to describe your image/research - maximum of 40 characters. A concise description (100 to 150 words) of your image and how it relates to your research. You must use plain English with no jargon! Your name and your primary supervisor's name. Your university or institution's name.
Submission	Please email your image and Word file to info@symposiaatshivenham.com by Monday 18 October 2021

Judging Criteria

DSDS 21 attendees will be asked to vote online for their favourite image during the conference. There will be a prize for the image receiving the most votes. The winner will be announced before the conference closes on Tuesday 9th November 2021.

Poster Competition

Presenters are asked to submit a poster in accordance with the rules of entry detailed below. Please submit your artwork as a .pdf file to info@symposiaatshrivenham.com by **Monday 18th October 2021**, entering 'DSDS 21 Poster entry' as the subject title for the email.

Rules of Entry

- All Digital Posters must be A1 portrait or landscape format and submitted as a .pdf file. You could use PowerPoint to generate this.
- All posters must be accompanied by a talking head about yourself and your research. With a maximum play length of 1 minute, this could be recorded on your mobile phone and submitted as a .mov file.
- Your name, the title of poster and the name of your university must be clearly presented on your poster.
- The poster should be in layman's terms and understandable by a member of the general public.

The Posters will be displayed on the DSDS 21 MS TEAMS page prior to the event. Each researcher will be expected to answer questions about their research and poster from conference attendees as well as the judges. You should expect to be available to answer these questions through an online chat during the conference. The judges may also contact you with questions prior to the event.

Judging Criteria

The judges will be clearly identifiable and will introduce themselves as necessary. Each researcher will be judged on their poster as well as their oral presentation of the research. There will be a prize for the poster judged to be the best at the conference. This will be announced before the conference closes on Tuesday 9th November 2021.