

RULES FOR THE RESEARCH IN FOUR MINUTES (Rin4') 2018 COMPETITION

1. Requirements for participation

- Participants must be a PhD student at UPF or have deposited a doctoral thesis during the 2017-2018 academic year. The first-prize winners of previous editions are not eligible to participate.
- Commitment to the exact dates of the competition.
- Commitment to omit during the presentation any data, numbers, names or confidential information as regards to the research. We should warn you that UPF will not be responsible in case of any breach.

2. Admission

- Admission to the competition will be made via an electronic application within the admission deadline.

3. Presentations

- **Length of presentations:** presentations must be a maximum of 4 minutes long.
- **Content of the presentations:** they should refer to the research being carried out in writing the doctoral thesis.
- **Language:** the presentations can be given in Catalan, Spanish or English.
- **Audiovisual support:** the presentations may include audiovisual support elements. In this case, they must be submitted in PowerPoint 2007-2010 for Windows (no free software, no MAC, no OpenOffice).

And, if the presentation includes image or sound, it must be submitted in the following formats:

Audio files: MP3, WAV

Video files: MPG, AVI

All audio and video files embedded in the PowerPoint should be sent along with the presentation. However, first make sure the presentation works on a computer other than the one on which it was created.

- **Deadline for sending the presentations:** the deadline for sending all the audiovisual support for the presentations will be specified on the web page.

Changes to presentations will not be accepted once the deadline set out in the rules has passed.

4. Distribution of participants in the various qualifying sessions: students entering the competition are distributed into different groups that make up the qualifiers. The groups are made up of participants from different doctoral programmes distributed randomly. If required, in the qualifiers, the organization reserves the right to modify the initial distribution of participants upon prior notice and upon the acceptance of those affected.

5. Determining the order of presentations: the Rin4' organizing committee will hold a draw to establish the order not only of the presentations in the first stage of the competition but also in the final.

6. Qualifying for the final: the two winners of each group will qualify for the final.

7. Composition of the jury: the jury of each session consists of three members, who may be researchers, lecturers, postdocs, alumni or administration and services staff.

8. Evaluation criteria

| | Score |
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| ON THE CONTENT OF THE SPEECH | 50 points |
| Clear presentation of the problem, of the goals and of the methodology | 20 |
| Simple language | 10 |
| Orderly structure of speech | 15 |
| Use of rhetorical resources | 5 |
| ON THE FORM OF THE SPEECH | 30 points |
| Dynamic and varied intonation | 10 |
| Moderate speed and comprehensible pronunciation | 10 |
| Gesturing to support the ideas presented | 5 |
| Eye contact and empathy with the public | 5 |
| ON THE SUPPORT MATERIALS AND CONTEXT | 20 points |
| Use of support materials in keeping with the content | 10 |
| Careful time-keeping | 5 |
| Command of movements on stage | 5 |
| TOTAL | 100 points |

9. Prizes: the prizes for Rin4' 2018 are as follows

- First place: €900. The winner will have also the right to participate in the Catalan competition: "Llegeix la teva tesi en 4 minuts".
- Second place: €600.
- Third place: €300.
- Special prize awarded by the audience: €200; this prize is awarded by vote of the audience at all the presentations of the final. This prize can be awarded to one of the three winners.

10. Regional competition "PhD Thesis in 4 minutes"

The Rin4' winner will represent Pompeu Fabra University in the Catalan competition "Llegeix la teva tesi en 4 minuts" organized by the Fundació Catalana per a la Recerca i la Innovació (FCRI) with the support of the Generalitat de Catalunya. The 12 Catalan public universities will take part in the competition. If the Rin4' winner it is not available to participate in the competition, the runner-up will be proposed to represent our university.