

RULES FOR THE RESEARCH IN FOUR MINUTES (Rin4') 2017 COMPETITION

1. **Requirements for participation:** participants must be a PhD student at UPF or have deposited a doctoral thesis during the 2016-2017 academic year. The winners of the first prize of previous editions are not eligible to participate.

2. **Presentations:**

- **Length of presentations:** presentations must be a maximum of four 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 freeware, 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 should be sent along with the presentation embedded in the PowerPoint. However, first make sure the presentation works outside the computer on which it was created.

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

3. **Distribution of participants in the various qualifying sessions:** students entering the competition are split into different groups that make up the qualifiers. The groups are made up of participants from different doctoral programmes distributed randomly.
4. **Determining the order of presentations:** The Rin4' organizing committee will hold a draw to establish the order both of the presentations of each of the qualifying stages and the final.
5. **Qualifying for the final:** the two winners of each group will qualify for the final.
6. **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.

7. Evaluation criteria:

	Score
ON THE CONTENT OF THE SPEECH	50 points
Clear exposition 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

8. Prizes: the prizes for Rin4' 2017 are as follows:

- First place: €900
- 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.