



ΠΑΝΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΙΟ ΚΡΗΤΗΣ  
UNIVERSITY OF CRETE

## ***Three-Minute Thesis Presentation Competition***

***Participation in a thesis competition titled: “My Thesis in 3 Minutes”***

Are you a doctoral candidate at the University of Crete? Can you present the core research idea of your doctoral thesis, its results, and its impact clearly and simply in just three minutes? Can you explain your research to a broad audience?

If yes, then this competition is for you!

The competition aims to disseminate the knowledge and research conducted at the University of Crete to the wider public and to foster interaction with it. Research and knowledge for the common good are of the highest value. We hope to highlight the importance of cultivating language itself through the expression of complex concepts and terms that characterize scientific discourse, as well as the significant research efforts carried out at the University of Crete.

**Coordinator & Scientific Supervisor:** Professor Maria Papadopouli

**Organizer:** Public Relations Department, University of Crete

**Responsible for Submission of Doctoral Thesis Presentation Applications:**

Welcome Office Unit

***First Evaluation Phase – Selection of the 10 Best Doctoral Thesis Presentations***

**May 13, 2026** / “**N. Petridis**” Amphitheatre, Department of Mathematics and Applied Mathematics

(Closed for the public)

Internal presentation before the Evaluation Committee

***Second Evaluation Phase: Main Event – Selection and Awarding of the Three Best Doctoral Thesis Presentations***

**June 10, 2026** / Open for the public

1st & 2nd Award for the best and second-best doctoral thesis presentations (by the Evaluation Committee)

3rd Award: Audience Choice

***Awards***

Award 1: €1000

Award 2: €750

Audience Award: €500

***Criteria***

The following criteria will be applied in both evaluation phases by the members of the Evaluation Committee:

**Criterion 1: Content**

The presentation clearly and simply described **the problem addressed, its significance, the main research design, the key results, findings/conclusions, and its impact.**

The student's findings and results should be well-documented and expressed with clarity, precision, and simplicity. Vague or general claims about scientific findings that are not supported by the student's research should be avoided.

**Criterion 2: Communication**

The speech was delivered clearly, the language was appropriate for a non-specialist audience, and the speaker conveyed enthusiasm for their research, capturing the audience's attention.

***Terms of Participation***

Eligible participants are doctoral candidates of the University of Crete, including those who have completed their thesis but have not yet defended it. Since scientific research is central to this activity and the student's findings play an

important role in the presentation, it is important that participants **already have some research results. Approval from the doctoral thesis supervisor is required.**

Those who have received an award in this competition in a previous year **are not** eligible to participate.

### ***Guidelines for Preparing Presentations***

1. Presentation time is **strictly limited to 3 minutes**. Those who exceed 3 minutes will be disqualified.
2. The use of **one static slide** is allowed (no effects, animations, etc.).
3. Scientific findings and results presented must be well-documented and expressed clearly, accurately, and simply. Vague claims not supported by the student's research should be avoided.
4. The use of laser pointers, musical instruments, laboratory equipment, props, or electronic media (e.g., audio files, video) is not allowed.
5. Lyrics, poems, or songs must not be used in the presentations.
6. Since one of the goals of the event is to disseminate research conducted at the University of Crete to the wider local community, **all presentations will be delivered in Greek**. If a student (e.g., an international student) is **justifiably** unable to present in Greek, they may exceptionally present in English. This request must be clearly justified in the application form and approved by the Evaluation Committee.
7. During the presentation, both on the slide and in the oral speech, there must be **no** direct or indirect reference to the name of the research group and/or the thesis supervisor.

***Application Deadline: April 30, 2026***

Doctoral candidates who wish to participate are invited to complete and submit:

1. The attached application form, and

2. The PowerPoint presentation (file name should include your name, e.g., *Papadaki\_Maria.ppt*)

These should be sent to Ms. Evgenia Skountaki (Email: [welcomeoffice@uoc.gr](mailto:welcomeoffice@uoc.gr)), with the doctoral thesis supervisor copied on the email.

### ***Poster Exhibition***

In parallel, aiming to enhance interaction between doctoral candidates and the wider public and to promote knowledge dissemination, doctoral candidates of the University of Crete will have the opportunity, on the day of the main event and after the presentations, to present their research activity in a poster exhibition in a specially designated area. Participation in the poster exhibition is optional and not required for participation in the Thesis Competition. Instructions for participation in the exhibition will be provided.