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**UoMQStep3MP rules and judging criteria

Competition rules**

         A single static PowerPoint slide is permitted. No slide transitions, animations or 'movement' of any description are allowed. 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 traditional spoken word (eg. no poems or songs).

         Presentations are to commence from the stage.

         Presentations are considered to have commenced when a presenter starts their presentation through either movement or speech.

         The decision of the adjudicating panel is final.

**Presentation judging criteria**

Comprehension and content:

         Did the presentation provide an understanding of the background to the project/research being addressed and its significance?

         Did the presentation clearly describe the key results of the project/research including conclusions and outcomes?

         Did the presentation follow a clear and logical sequence?

         Was the project topic, key results, significance and outcomes communicated in language appropriate to a non-specialist audience?

         Did the speaker avoid scientific jargon, explain terminology and provide adequate background information to illustrate points?

         Did the presenter spend adequate time on each element of their presentation - or did they elaborate for too long on one aspect or was the presentation rushed?

Engagement and communication:

         Did the oration make the audience want to know more?

         Was the presenter careful not to trivialise or generalise their project?

         Did the presenter convey enthusiasm for their project?

         Did the presenter capture and maintain their audience's attention?

         Did the speaker have sufficient stage presence, eye contact and vocal range, maintain a steady pace, and have a confident stance?

         Did the PowerPoint slide enhance the presentation - was it clear, legible, and concise?

 Additional information the students have been sent

**University of Manchester Q-Step Three Minute Project®**(UoMQStep3MP) challenges Q-Step interns to present a compelling spoken presentation on their 2018 internship project and its significance in just three minutes. Up to ten presentations will be selected for inclusion in the upcoming annual Q-Step event.

UoMQStep3MP is based on a successful model used in postgraduate research, called 3MT or Three Minute Thesis, which was first developed by The University of Queensland.

**About**

The exercise challenges YOU to present a compelling oration on your Q-Step internship project and its significance in just three minutes, and using just one static PowerPoint slide.

**Why take part?**

UoMQStep3MP develops your presentation and research communication skills, and is a great opportunity to share the story of your internship with a wide audience.  Your three minute presentation will help you develop your capacity to effectively explain complex projects in language appropriate to a non-specialist audience.