UWS Three Minute Thesis Winners

Mr Michael Antrum hosted the 3MT final at UWS with a judging panel of Professor Barbara Holland, Professor Bob Hodge and Ms Aggie Lim.

It was a delightful afternoon, both intellectually stimulating and very good fun. The presentations were excellent and the competitors proved themselves to be highly skilled research communicators.

First Prize
Samantha Lupton, School of Medicine. Samantha also won the Peoples Choice.

Samantha will represent UWS at the Australasian final in September at the University of Queensland.

Second Prize
Aiman Jajo, PhD candidate in the Centre for Plants and the Environment

Third Prize
Katrina Sandbach, Doctor of Creative Arts candidate in the School of Communication Arts.

All nine finalists; Zahid Hasan, Laura Bishop, Katrina Sandbach, Aiman Jajo, Laura Luo, Joshua Meyer, David Fania, Samantha Lupton and Ryan Gould.

For more information: http://www.uws.edu.au/research/current_research_students/three_minute_thesis_competition
Intellectual Property Assignments – Don’t get caught out!

Research students are often involved in projects that are funded by or involve industry collaborators who have invested money into the project. It is important to note that students own their own IP unless they have assigned their interest in the intellectual property (IP) that they create to the University. In most cases, industry funded agreements are between UWS and the industry sponsor. The only way UWS can legally hand over (sell or assign) the project IP is by owning it, and thus the student must assign their rights if they wish to work on the project, otherwise UWS cannot comply with the contract. Venturing into murkier waters, students on competitive grants, particularly linkage grants, need to enable UWS to comply with any legal agreement around the project IP, which may also involve the need for the IP to be assigned to the University or a third party.

As UWS and its staff may be liable for breach of contract if the IP can’t be made available to a funding partner or lose an important relationship through the contractual break down, it is especially important to maintain diligence in monitoring student IP assignments.

For more information on any IP questions you may have, please contact Kathryn Sunn from UWS Innovation & Consulting on 02 9685 9822 or email her at k.sunn@uws.edu.au

Assisting Candidates to Publish Journal Articles

As supervisors you will be aware of the nuances of journal article publishing within your discipline. In conjunction with this invaluable knowledge the following general advice is offered to assist candidates to publish journal articles.

Why Publish During Candidature?
Excellent peer review opportunity, well received by examiners, it marks the candidate’s territory and publishing is essential for a career in academia

Ideas for Starting Out
- Convert conference presentations into journal articles (if conference paper is on the web the article needs to be substantially different)
- Book reviews (gets candidate’s name known in the journal)
- Target postgraduate publications (such as The Qualitative Report)
- Identify discrete chapters of candidate’s thesis which can be easily contextualised

Identifying the Audience: Read key journals in the field to identify:
- How the information is treated
- Language used (avoid overuse of jargon)
- Structural features of articles within targeted journals

General Advice
- Attend a ‘Getting Published’ Library Training session to assist in identifying appropriate publication outlets for your research. Check the Library website for details http://library.uws.edu.au/training.php
- When commencing a publishing career choose a preferred name and stay with it (include your middle initial if you have a common name to avoid confusion with other researchers)
- Each article should only be submitted to one journal at a time
- Read the Instructions to Authors and adhere to the requirements
- Avoid over referencing
- Join a writing circle or journal club for motivation and support

Additional Assistance
- Research Resources: Getting Published on Library website http://library.uws.edu.au/research.php
- Contact Susan Robbins, Research Services Librarian s.robbins@uws.edu.au or 9852 5458

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