



## Research Dialogues Competitions

Communicating the value of scholarship, engagement, the arts, research, creative endeavors, and the humanities is an essential skill for students involved or interested in these areas. The Research Dialogues Competitions give students chances to communicate the “value proposition” of research, scholarship, and creative activity. All selections for these competitions will be made by a panel of community judges.



### Undergraduate Lightning Round Competition

April 11, 2017, 10:30-Noon, UC Auditorium

#### **What is it?**

The Undergraduate Lightning round competition gives undergraduate students an opportunity to make a pitch for funding and prizes.

#### **Presentation Guidelines**

- 2 minutes in duration
- 2 total slides (including introductory / title slide)

#### **Prizes!**

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize winner gets \$100 gift card and a PSRA award (for continuing UTC students)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize winner receives a \$75 gift card
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize winner receives a \$50 gift card

### Graduate Student Three Minute Thesis (3MT®)

April 12, 2017, 9:30-11, UC Auditorium

#### **What is it?**

Graduate students will have 3 minutes to present their thesis.

#### **Presentation Guidelines**

- A single static PowerPoint slide
- 3 minutes in duration

### **Prizes!**

- 1st prize winner gets \$200 gift card and a PSRA award (for continuing UTC students)
- 2nd prize winner receives a \$100 gift card
- 3rd prize will receive a \$50 gift card

### **Faculty Elevator Speech Competition**

April 12, 2017, 3-4:30, UC Auditorium

### **What is it?**

The Faculty Elevator Speech competition gives faculty an opportunity to make a “pitch” for their scholarly, research, or creative activity.

### **Presentation Guidelines**

- 4 minutes in duration
- 4 total slides (including introductory / title slide)
- Presentations will be grouped into 3-4 topical categories based on the submitted applications. We anticipate that the categories will be STEM, Health, Arts & Humanities, and Social Sciences – but we may make adjustments based on the submitted presentations.

### **Prizes!**

- A panel of 5-7 community judges and audience votes will determine a winner in each topical category.
- Category winners will each receive a \$1,500 mini-grant to support their scholarly efforts.
- From among the category winners, the top-ranking presenter will be selected for the VCR Prize: allocation of a part-time graduate assistantship for the 2017-18 academic year.

**For more information on these competitions and Research Dialogues, please visit <http://www.utc.edu/research-sponsored-programs/research-dialogues.php>**