

The University of Manitoba is thrilled to announce the Ma thèse en 180 secondes Competition!

Ma thèse en 180 secondes is a French-language communication contest launched by Acfas (Association francophone pour le savoir) in 2012, modelling the 3MT competition founded by The University of Queensland in 2008. In three minutes or less, each challenger must present a clear, concise explanation of their research project in French.

“As Manitoba has a large francophone community, it makes sense to give our francophone students the opportunity to participate in this national event,” says Jean-Eric Ghia, Associate Professor of Immunology and Internal Medicine at the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences and Honorary Consul of France in Winnipeg. “The objectives for the students are to convey in French the passion for their research while informing Francophone people in an accurate, creative way, to a very diverse audience.”

The Manitoba competition will be prerecorded on April 9th, 2021, and be available to view online on April 15 2021.

Three prizes are available to be won: \$400 for first place, \$300 for second place winner (MSc or PhD). The first-place winner will also advance to the Canadian final, to be held virtually/online in June 2021 virtually/online.

Separate prizes will be available for MSc students: \$200 for the 1st place MSc and \$100 for 2nd place MSc. Master's students are strongly encouraged to apply; however, only Ph.D. candidates will be eligible for the Canadian and International final competitions.

The winner of the national final will represent Canada at the international Francophone final of the competition in competition with 20 other countries. Four prizes will be awarded during the Canadian final, which will be broadcast live on the Internet allowing your friends and family to see your performance:

National Final Prize

First prize awarded by Hydro-Québec, main partner of the competition: \$1,500

Second prize awarded by the Canadian Association for Graduate Studies: \$1,000

Third prize awarded by Acfas: \$750

Audience Award by Savoir Media: \$500

To be eligible to compete in the competition, you must:

- Be a current student in Manitoba registered in a Doctoral or Master's degree program (Master's students are strongly encouraged to apply; however, only Doctoral candidates will be eligible for the Canadian and International final competitions.)
- Be available to present at the national final in June if chosen as the local competition winner.
- Be available to present at the International final in late September 2021 if chosen as the national competition winner.
- Students who have competed in 3MT are eligible to also compete in Ma thèse en 180 secondes. You cannot compete if you have previously won at a national competition for Ma thèse en 180 secondes.
- Do your presentation in French.
- If accepted as a challenger, provide a slide to accompany your presentation. Your slide must be submitted no less than ten days before the competition date and be static, in landscape orientation, with a maximum file size of 20 MB, in PowerPoint or PDF format).

How to Apply

- Complete the application form
- Create a 30-second video in which you introduce yourself, indicate your department and program, and briefly explain your research
- Email the completed application form **and** video to deanfgs@umanitoba.ca with the subject line “Ma thèse en 180 secondes.”

Deadline to apply is March 15, 2021. Apply Today!

On Thursday, February 25, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Manitoba time, there will be an information session about the Ma Thèse en 180sec, with Lucille Jeusset, Ph.D. candidate from the University of Manitoba, and Stéphane Gérard, M.Sc. candidate from the University of Saskatchewan, both winners of the 2020 competition. They will answer all your questions. If interested in this session, contact jean-eric.ghia@umanitoba.ca.

To see past challengers [click here](#). For more information about the competition, [visit the Afacs website](#) or contact jean-eric.ghia@umanitoba.ca

Don't miss this opportunity to share your research, showcase your communication skills in French, expand your network, and stand out!