

UQ 2018 “Pitching Research” Competition – NOW OPEN! General Information & Timelines

ALL pre-confirmation RHD students at UQ (as at 1 July, 2018) are invited to participate in a university-wide pitching research competition in 2018. This event builds on the great success of its [inaugural edition in 2015](#) ([click here for 2015 Pitch Booklet, Appendix A67](#)), [2nd edition in 2016](#) and [3rd edition in 2017](#). This year’s event is sponsored by UQ’s **BEL**, **HABS** and **Medicine** faculties. Specifically, the core task requires the completion of a prescribed 2-page template – a template that provides a simple, methodical tool to confidently/succinctly “pitch” essential elements of a new research proposal to an academic expert i.e. to your PhD supervisor. For an explanation of the pitching template and its use, see the SSRN paper “[Pitching Research](#)” [Faff (2018)]:¹

<http://ssrn.com/abstract=2462059>

(1) Important Dates

- **Information Session:**
 - **Date/time:** 2pm Friday 20 July, 2018
 - **Venue:** Parnell Bldg. (#07), Room 234
- **Opening of Pitch Submissions:** Monday 9 July, 2018
- **Pitch Submission Deadline:** Monday 3 September, 2018 12 noon
- **Finalist Decision Notification:** Monday 29 October, 2018
- **FINAL:** November, 2018 (details to be confirmed in due course)

(2) Prizemoney

A total prize pool of **\$3,000, with FIRST prize of \$1,000.**

(3) Submission Process

All entries into the competition must be made via the web portal:

PitchMyResearch.com

The first step is to register as a user, then click on the button “pitching competitions” and follow the instructions.

(4) Information Session Registration

Please register your intention to attend the information session by visiting the webpage link below:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/14CAEFis3IEQKibT2icyG3R5H1feq4iaWleR50nNxpa0/edit>

Your assistance executing this registration is greatly appreciated in terms of our planning for the event.

(5) Highlights from prior Competitions

2016 Overall winner:

Shari O’Brien (HABS): “Training to enhance neuromuscular control of the ankle in cerebral palsy” [YouTube Video](#) ([pdf: “Human Movement” Appendix A141](#))

2017 Runner up:

Cerys Downing (HABS): “Using an emerging and innovative technology, Wideband Acoustic Immittance, to diagnose conductive pathologies in school aged children” [YouTube Video](#) ([pdf: “Hearing Loss” Appendix A211](#))

(6) Further Enquiries

For any clarifications or queries regarding the pitch competition requirements, please email Professor Faff directly: r.faff@business.uq.edu.au

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