

UQUAPS 2017 “Pitching Research” Competition General Information & Timelines (updated: 22 June 2017)

Background

Following on from the great success of its [inaugural edition in 2015¹](#) and the [2nd edition in 2016](#), Professor Robert Faff (UQ Business School) is once again co-ordinating a “[Pitching Research](#)” competition for UQUAPS in 2017. 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 (2017)]:²

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

Eligibility

The competition is open to **ALL pre-confirmation** research students enrolled at UQ (eligibility determined as at the time of the **opening** date for submissions, see below).

(1) Important Dates

- **Information Session:** Echo recording: <http://bit.ly/2qbhqwr>
- **Opening of Pitch Submissions:** Friday 16 June, 2017
- **Pitch Submission Deadline:** Monday 28 August, 2017 12 noon
- **Finalist Decision Notification:** Monday 30 October, 2017
- **FINAL:** November, 2017 (details to be confirmed)

(2) Prizemoney

The **UQ Business School** has generously agreed to sponsor a total prize pool of up to **\$10,000** (depending on the level of submissions). Notably, the Overall Winner stands to win a prize of **\$3,000**, 2nd prize of **\$2,000**, 3rd prize of **\$1,000** & people’s choice 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) Highlights from 2016 Competition

2016 Overall winner:³

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

2016 Runner up:

Gabe Foley (Science): “Leveraging uncertainty in ancestral sequence reconstruction using partial order graphs” [YouTube Video](#) (pdf: “Protein Engineering” Appendix A142)

(5) Further Enquiries

For any clarifications or queries regarding the pitch competition requirements, please email Professor Faff directly: UQUAPS2017.pitching@business.uq.edu.au

¹ Faff, Robert W., Book of Pitches: UQAPS 2015 Pitching Research Competition Final (April 17, 2017). Book of Pitches: UQAPS 2015 Pitching Research Competition Final, UQ Business School, 2017. Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=2953842>

² NB: when on a UQ university campus, downloading can be problematic due to firewall restrictions. Alternatively, downloading from off campus should work easily by using [this link](#).

³ The full book of pitches for the 2016 final is available at: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=2967736>