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Subject: McDonnell Academy Symposium: 3MT Competition Submission & Review Process

Importance: High

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to you because you have been appointed as your university's administrative officer or 3MT coordinator for the upcoming [McDonnell International Scholars Academy Symposium](#), which will take place in Beijing, China on October 11-14, 2018.

Back by popular demand, the [Three Minute Thesis \(3MT\) competition](#) is among the highlights of the Symposium, and we very much hope to have broad participation from your graduate students. Please find attached the flyer for this year's competition and a handbook providing an overview of the event, competition rules and guidelines.

The selection process will be as follows:

- **Each Academy partner is asked to promote the 3MT competition internally to your PhD and professional degree students and set your own submission deadline.** Submissions should be emailed directly to the designated 3MT coordinator/administrator at each institution, and you may use the attached **3MT Submission Form** to collect the entries.
- **Each Academy partner will conduct its own internal review and select their top six submissions – a maximum of two per each of the three thematic areas:** 1) Agriculture, Food & Water, Climate Change; 2) Energy & Environment; 3) Public Health & Aging. The criteria for judging the submissions can be found in the attached handbook. A judging panel of three to five judges is recommended.
- **Please email your top six 3MT submissions (maximum two per theme) to me at rtheunissen@wustl.edu by midnight (CST) on Monday, July 23, 2018 using the attached template.**
- 15 finalists will then be selected by judges from Washington University in St. Louis and Tsinghua University to compete live at the Symposium. Finalists will be notified of their selection by August 15, 2018.

- Each finalist will receive up to \$2,000 travel stipend, and will compete live at the Symposium during designated times (5 finalists in each thematic area).
- Three winners (one per each thematic area) will be selected by judges' votes to receive a prize of \$1,000 each; three People's Choice winners, chosen by popular vote, will be awarded \$500.

I will serve as your primary contact for any matters related to the 3MT competition, and I am happy to answer your questions. We very much appreciate your time and efforts to facilitate the competition.

Best regards,

Roumy

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