



## **DOCEHTA**

### **CALL TO PARTICIPATE IN A 3-MINUTE RESEARCH PRESENTATION**

#### **1) Introduction**

The Directorate of Postgraduate Studies, in collaboration with the DOCEHTA project, has organized a Three Minute Research Competition, designed to cultivate students' academic, presentation, and research communication skills. During the event, each participant will explain the breadth and significance of their research project to a non-specialist audience in not more than three minutes.

The competition will take place in two rounds. Round 1 will take place at the Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences and the University of Dodoma (UDOM) on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, where participants will have an opportunity to present their research to their respective University's Community. Round 2 will take place at UDOM on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 where participants will present their research to doctoral education stakeholders including those from other institutions, including MUHAS (Tanzania) and UiO (Norway). This round will only involve three participants who will obtain the highest overall scores in round 1 from each of the two participating Universities. A panel of judges from the University of Dodoma, MUHAS, and UiO will judge the presentations in both rounds. Interested PhD students are invited to participate physically or virtually.

#### **2) Eligibility**

The competition is open to all PhD students conducting research in any of UDOM's academic disciplines.

### 3) Requirements

The specific requirements for the presentation are the following:

- Participants must have the consent of their supervising UDOM faculty member to share the research
- Participants are allowed to present in three minutes only;
- Participants are restricted to spoken words only (so no singing or dancing!);
- Participants can only show one static slide (so no animations, music and electronic media);
- Participants are expected to contextualize their research presentations for a non-specialist audience. i.e., how would you explain your research to a person who does not study your field?; limiting the use of technical jargons or scientific terms that only someone else in the research area would know.

Preparing a presentation requires scripting a research narrative as a story with emotional as well as intellectual impact. It is important to find ways to establish interpersonal rapport with non-specialist audiences, as a lot of research is funded by grants, and writing grant proposals requires students to explain their research to non-specialist audiences as well as experts in their field.

### 4) Judging Rubric

The criteria for judging the content, communication and engagement for presentations are borrowed from the Queensland criteria (The University of Queensland, 2021).

Area	Criteria
Content	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>The presentation provided clear background and significance to the research question</li><li>The presentation clearly described the research design/methodology for your study (or projected)</li><li>The presentation clearly described the findings and implications of the research (or projected)</li><li>The presentation can be about any stage of the research cycle, such as research question deliberation, literature review, research design, preliminary findings, or completed project</li></ol>

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Communication and Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The oration was delivered clearly</li> <li>ii. The language was appropriate for a non-specialist audience</li> <li>iii. The one-page static slide using the designated slide template was well-defined and enhanced the presentation</li> <li>iv. The presenter conveyed enthusiasm for their research and captured and maintained the audience's attention</li> </ul>

## 5) Important Dates

Round 1 Presentation: July 25th, 2024

Round 2 Presentation: August 1st, 2024

## 6) Awards for the Winners

Round 1: Institutional Competition: 1<sup>st</sup> Winner - TZS 500,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> Winner - TZS 400,000, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Winner - TZS 300,000

Round 2: Inter-University Competition

- Certificate of Performance
- 1<sup>st</sup> Winner - TZS 1,000,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> Winner - TZS 800,000, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Winner - TZS 600,000

## 7) Registration:

- Registration for participation is done through this link: [CLICK HERE](#). The deadline for the registration is July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
- For more details about the competition, please contact **Dr. David Munisi** through [massugii@gmail.com](mailto:massugii@gmail.com) or **+255 762 850 502**.