



12th Annual

GRADUATE ACADEMIC CONFERENCE



***It Starts with Us: Graduate Students at the Forefront
February 22, 2020***

We invite you to submit your abstracts to this year’s Graduate Academic Conference. This year the conference is focused on graduate students and how we are impacting the future with our research. The keynote speaker and the workshops will engage graduate students in rich discussion about how to better prepare themselves for the future and to discuss their research in productive manners in policy and to the general public. Detailed information about the keynote speaker and the conference workshops will be forthcoming.

Abstract Submission Deadline: January 24th, 2020

Conference Date: February 22nd, 2020

Submit your abstract [here](#). Register for the conference [here](#).

Abstracts are welcome on the following themes and should be limited to 250 words.

<p><i>Bodies in Motion</i> This session focuses on research that advances understanding of how things move, from the smallest particle to the largest galaxy, and all the bodies in between, including, but not limited to, research from fields of physics, astronomy, engineering, and kinesiology.</p>	<p><i>Sustainability</i> This session is targeted at research that will guide us through an uncertain future, bridging the knowledge from, but not limited to, research on climate change, the environment, food and water, energy and business.</p>
<p><i>Healthy Societies</i> This session is targeted towards research areas that deal with understanding and improving the human experience, including, but not limited to, research from the colleges of Engineering, Social Science, Communication, Arts and Literature, Music, Nursing, and Medicine</p>	<p><i>Science in Society</i> This session focuses on how science, either social or natural, impact society in multiple ways including, but not limited to, research done from the colleges of Social Science, Engineering, Natural Science, Law, Medicine, and Arts and Literature.</p>

The Three Minute Thesis Competition (3MT) is returning this year with a “People’s Choice” category again. The first-place winner will be sponsored to attend the regional competition in Wisconsin, in April. To enter the competition submit your teaser [here](#)—a 30 second voice recording of your presentation with a draft Power-Point slide.

The top three winners in each category — oral, poster, 3MT— will each be awarded prizes of \$300, \$200, and \$100 respectively.

A \$5 participation fee and endorsement from an academic advisor are required for all presenters. The endorsement form and other resources on how to prepare for the 3MT can be found on our [webpage](#).



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