

VPR Fellowship Frequently Asked Questions

OVERVIEW

What is the VPR graduate fellows program?

The VPR Graduate Fellows Program at Colorado State University was created by the Vice President for Research to support excellence in graduate research and to promote interdisciplinarity at the university by engaging the best and brightest students from graduate programs across the institution. Fellows will be eligible to receive up to \$4000 in scholarship and travel support as well as opportunities to engage in professional development workshops, mentorship, leadership engagement opportunities etc.

What is the selection process?

Every February the OVPR will select a group of 12-15 graduate students pursuing Ph.D., terminal masters and other professional degrees at CSU. Fellows are selected from a pool of candidates identified by their participation in the annual Graduate Showcase. Selection for the Fellowship program occurs via a VPR Fellowship Challenge where students present their scholarship findings in three minutes or less with 1 static PowerPoint slide.

What is the VPR Fellowship Challenge?

The VPR Fellowship Challenge concept came from a program initiated at the University of Queensland called the Three Minute Thesis. The concept is that students are asked to consolidate their thesis ideas, major findings and significance to three minute presentation suitable for a general audience.

Format:

- Comprise a single, static PowerPoint slide and spoken word
- Do not include gimmicks, music, dancing, electronic media, props, experiments, costumes, etc.
- Presentation must be directed at the “general public”

Judging categories:

- Comprehension and content
- Engagement and communication

Who is eligible?

To be eligible for the VPR Fellows program, a student cannot have a projected graduation date prior to May of the year following selection. Fellows are required to secure their advisor’s approval for participation in the program prior to competing in the 3-minute competition.

What’s in it for a Fellow?

- Financial Support: Each Fellow is eligible to receive up to \$4000 in support (up to \$2500 in scholarship and up to \$1500 travel allowance to attend a professional conference).
- Engagement and Leadership Activities: Each Fellow is required to participate in collaborative engagement activities via co-curricular programming. The fellows programming will consist of a range of activities including seminars and workshops, professional development activities, OVPR events, mentoring and engagement with industry/community leaders, and outreach opportunities.



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Do I need a presentation?

You are required to have a widescreen, static, one slide PowerPoint presentation which is due by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 9, 2017.

When is my presentation due? What if I turn in my PowerPoint slide late?

Your PowerPoint slide is due at by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday February 9, 2017. Late submissions will be automatically disqualified.

Do I need to bring my own laptop or my presentation on a USB drive?

No, presentations will be preloaded on a laptop prior to your arrival at the VPR Fellowship Challenge Event.

May I use any props?

No props or gimmicks are allowed in the VPR Fellowship Challenge.

What time should I be at the VPR Fellowship Challenge?

You will be given a specific check in time. If you are late you will be automatically disqualified.

Do I have to attend the entire VPR Fellowship Challenge?

You are not required to attend the entire VPR Fellowship Challenge, however it is encouraged as it gives you an opportunity to learn more about your colleagues and provides a chance to create research collaborations.

Can I invite my advisors or friends to the VPR Fellowship Challenge?

Yes the VPR Fellowship Challenge is open to the public and we encourage you to invite your friends, colleagues and advisors.

Is there a dress code?

Presenters are expected to dress business or business casual.

What if I need special accommodations to present or view the presentations?

If you have need special accommodations to present or view the presentations given at the VPR Fellowship Challenge please let Ellen Fisher at Ellen.Fisher@ColoradoState.Edu know as soon as possible.

Who is judging? What criteria will my presentation be judged on?

A panel of multidisciplinary experts will be judging the VPR Fellowship Challenge Event. Your presentation will be judged on criteria in the following areas: comprehension, content, engagement, communication and creativity.

When will I know if I was selected to become a VPR Fellow?

We will have a list of invited VPR Fellows by the end of February or sooner. If you are selected you will be notified via email.

