

# NZIFST Conference 2022

## 3-Minute-Pitch Competition

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July, Distinction Hotel, Rotorua

Entries close: 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022

The NZIFST Conference invites abstracts from NZIFST Student Members for pre-selection for presentation in the 3-Minute-Pitch Oral Competition

*Pitch your research or product/process development strategy in just 3 minutes!*

**Monetary prizes will be awarded to the top presentations.**

### PRIZES:

3 prizes of \$1,000, \$500 and \$250 will be awarded to the top three presentations as selected by a panel of judges.

### PRE-SELECTION:

1. There are a maximum of 20 places available in the competition.
2. All entries are required to submit an abstract using the conference abstract submission form. From these, up to 20 will be selected for the final, which is the oral in-person presentation at conference.
3. Entries must be submitted by email to [wendy@nzifst.org.nz](mailto:wendy@nzifst.org.nz) by **5.00pm 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022**. Late entries will not be accepted.

### FINAL (Oral, In-Person Presentation at Conference):

1. The selected finalists (maximum 20), will be notified by **30<sup>th</sup> April** and invited to participate in the in-person stage of the competition at the conference.

*\*\*Those not selected in the top 20 will be invited to submit a poster for the Poster Competition.*

2. The selected presenters will be expected to register for the conference by the close of the early bird registration period.
3. The winners will be selected based on their oral presentation at the conference. These winners will be announced at the Awards Dinner.

***The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.***

### RULES

- You must be a current financial STUDENT MEMBER of the NZIFST.
- ONE single static PowerPoint slide is permitted. No slide animations or 'movement' of any description are allowed.
- No additional electronic media (e.g. sound and video files) are permitted.
- No additional props (e.g. costumes, musical instruments, laboratory equipment) are permitted.
- Presentations are considered to have commenced when a presenter starts their presentation.

- Presentations are limited to 3 minutes maximum and competitors exceeding 3 minutes will be disqualified.
- There will be NO questions as part of the judging criteria. Questions for all presenters will be conducted at the end of the session, coordinated by the session Chair / Competition organiser. Other contestants may not ask questions.
- Results will be determined by the average score from the Judges according to the judging criteria. Results will be reviewed by the Competition organiser, and may be moderated if necessary (e.g., in the case of any obvious discrepancies in judges' marks, either very low or very high).
- The decision of the adjudicating panel is final.

## **JUDGING CRITERIA**

The following criteria will guide the judge's decisions:

### **Comprehension & Content**

- Did the presentation provide an understanding of the background and significance to the work, while explaining terminology and avoiding jargon?
- Did the presentation clearly describe the impact and industry relevance/or results of the work, including conclusions and outcomes?
- Did the presentation follow a clear and logical sequence?
- Was the topic, significance, results/impact and outcomes communicated in language appropriate to a non-specialist audience
- Did the presenter spend adequate time on each element of their presentation - or did they elaborate for too long on one aspect or was the presentation rushed?

### **Engagement & Communication**

- Did the oration make the audience want to know more?
- Was the presenter careful not to trivialise or generalise?
- Did the presenter convey enthusiasm?
- Did the presenter capture and maintain their audience's attention?
- Did the speaker have sufficient stage presence, eye contact and vocal range; maintain a steady pace, and have a confident stance?
- Did the PowerPoint slide enhance the presentation - was it clear, legible, and concise?

**NOTE:** *In the event of programme restrictions due to Covid-19 alert level changes, 3-Minute-Pitch finalists will be requested to submit their final presentation in digital/video format so that the competition can proceed. Details will be advised as necessary.*