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# Graduate research challenges and breakthroughs in a time of uncertainty

Department of Medical Education  
Graduate Research student virtual symposium.

We warmly invite health professional education and general practice graduate research students, supervisors, and guests to come together in a symposium to discuss their research in the context of the challenges of 2021. Focusing on the positives, this symposium's theme is research breakthroughs in times of uncertainty. Instead of PowerPoint presentations, students will have an opportunity to describe their research in an informal way and to share a challenge and/or breakthrough that has been achieved during the past year. Presentations will be in a panel format with each speaker having approximately 5 minutes, no PowerPoint slides required.

Two invited speakers will share their expertise and experiences:



From the student perspective, **Ms Cassie McDonald**, PhD candidate in the Department of Physiotherapy at the University of Melbourne and University of Melbourne 2021 3Minute Thesis winner, will share advice about how to present research in an accessible way



**Professor Meredith Temple-Smith**, Department of General Practice and 2021 University of Melbourne Graduate Supervision Excellence award winner, will provide her insights on effective supervision

## For Students - how to submit your intention to present:

Submissions for the symposium are now open. Please use the word template to:

- Summarise the goals, methods and expected outcomes of your research in lay terms (max 200 words)
- Describe a challenge you have faced in 2021 and the subsequent breakthrough in relation to your research project (max 200 words)

Submissions for the symposium will be selected based on diversity and innovation; and will be grouped according to theme. Please include your department, supervisors' names and stage of candidature in your submission.

Presentation slots are limited, so please email your completed symposium template to Michelle Grainger ([michelle.grainger@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:michelle.grainger@unimelb.edu.au)) by 5pm Wednesday 24th November. Successful submissions will be announced on Friday 26th November.

## Date

Tuesday 7th December 2021

## Time

2-4pm

## Register

<https://bit.ly/3c41JzT>

A zoom link will be sent to registered participants before the event.

## Submissions due

November 24th 2021, 5pm

## Enquiries

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