

PRESS RELEASE

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Results from the final of “My Thesis in 180 seconds” at Université Paris-Saclay

Condensing and presenting months or even years of research in just 180 seconds is no easy feat but...it is possible! Fifteen doctoral students from Université Paris-Saclay took on that exact challenge during the final of the “My Thesis in 180 seconds” competition which took place on Thursday 11 March 2021. Held behind closed doors in ENS Paris-Saclay’s Grand Amphitheatre, the event was broadcast live on the University’s YouTube and Facebook channels.

Of the 15 doctoral students chosen during the initial selection round, it was Alison Dussiot who was awarded First Prize by the jury for her thesis “*What are the future scenarios and nutritional methods for a pro-flexitarian dietary transition in France? Analysis of the nutritional and dietary factors and obstacles to the reduction of meat consumption*”. Alison is a doctoral student in human nutrition at the Nutritional Physiology and Eating Behaviour Laboratory (PNCA - Univ. Paris-Saclay | AgroParisTech | INRAE).

The jury’s Second Prize was awarded to H  l  ne Bret, doctoral student in biology at the Institute for Integrative Biology of the Cell (I2BC - Univ. Paris-Saclay | CEA | CNRS), for her thesis “*Prediction of macromolecular assemblies with deep learning and convolutional neural networks*”.

Both Alison and H  l  ne will take part in the semi-final of the national competition.

But let us not forget Clara Marino, doctoral student in ecology and biodiversity conservation at the Ecology, Systematics and Evolution Laboratory (ESE - Univ. Paris-Saclay | CNRS | AgroParisTech), who was awarded the Online Audience Choice Award for her thesis “*Assessment of various impact scenarios of biological invasions in the context of climate change*”.

This year, the selection process for the national semi-final will be carried out using the videos recorded during the finals organised by each institution.

Inspired by the Australian *Three Minute Thesis Competition* (3MT  ), the concept was adopted by the French-Canadian Association for the Advancement of Science (ACFAS) in Quebec and brought to France in 2014 by the Conference of University Presidents (CPU) and the French Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS).

Organised for the eighth year running by the CPU and the CNRS in association with CASDEN Banque Populaire and MGEN insurance, “My Thesis in 180 seconds” gives doctoral students the chance to pitch their research to a broad, non-specialist audience. Candidates must present their work in French, in a concise, clear and convincing manner in just three minutes!

Whether it's basic or social and human sciences, law or medicine, the competition gives centre stage to the vast variety of academic disciplines on offer at Université Paris-Saclay.

Watch the event (in French) [here](#).

ABOUT UNIVERSITÉ PARIS-SACLAY

Université Paris-Saclay brings together ten constituent faculties and institutes, four Grandes Écoles, the Institut des Hautes Etudes Scientifiques, two associate institutions and shared laboratories with six national research organisations.

With 48,000 students, 8,100 lecturers and 8,500 administrative and technical staff members, Université Paris-Saclay offers a comprehensive and varied range of undergraduate to doctorate level programmes and engineering degrees, renowned for their quality thanks to the reputation and commitment of the University's academic staff.

Located in the south of Paris on vast sites that stretch across Paris, Orsay, Évry and Versailles, Université Paris-Saclay benefits from a strategic geographical and socio-economic position that is strengthened by its international visibility. A leading University, Université Paris-Saclay is recognised for its excellent Mathematics and Physics programmes but also for Biological and Medical Sciences, Agriculture, Engineering, and its extensive Humanities and Social Sciences courses. Close to Paris, Université Paris-Saclay is nestled in a protected natural area, at the very heart of a dynamic economic hub.



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