PARTICIPATION RULES FOR THE "EXPLICA'NS LA TEVA TESI EN 4 MINUTS" 2027 COMPETITION

Ramon Llull University announces the 9th edition of the "Explica'ns la teva tesi en 4 minuts" competition, with the aim of promoting the dissemination of research, while encouraging the return of science to society.

The competition is addressed to URL doctoral students who are in at least the second year of their doctoral studies and who have not defended their doctoral thesis before the deadline for submitting applications to the competition.

The aim of the competition is to challenge URL doctoral students from all scientific disciplines to explain their research to a general audience in a maximum of 4 minutes, using simple and easily understandable language.

The winner of the competition will represent the University in the inter-university competition "Presenta la teva tesi en 4 minuts", organised by the *Fundació Catalana per a la Recerca i la Innovació* (FCRi), which will take place on **June 13th, 2027, at 17 p.m. at *Espai Florida 6.0* in Hospitalet de Llobregat (Av. de la Primavera, 71, 2nd floor).** One representative from each of the Catalan universities will participate, and there will be a first prize of 2.500 euros, a second prize of 1.500 euros, a third prize of 1.000 euros, and a public prize of 1.000 euros. This year's edition maintains the Assumpció Català I Poch special mention for the impetus and promotion of the Catalan language, which will be open to theses presented in Catalan, with a prize of 1.000 euros.

1. Requirements for participation

- To be a doctoral student at Ramon Llull University in at least the second year of studies.
- To have the approval of the thesis supervisor to participate in the competition at the time of submitting the application.
- The thesis must not have been defended prior to the submission of the application form.
- Commitment to attend the URL competition and the inter-university final, if applicable, as distance participation is not permitted.
- Commitment to omit any confidential data or information about the research during the presentation. Neither the University nor the FCRi will be held responsible in the event of non-compliance with this requirement by the participants.

2. Rules during the presentation

- Maximum duration of 4 minutes.
- A maximum of two static slides may be projected.
- No video, sound, musical instruments, costumes, etc. are allowed.
- The accompaniment of some material is allowed. It is recommended keeping it to a minimum.
- Presentations are only allowed in Catalan, Spanish or English.
- A presentation is considered to have started when the participant takes the floor.
- Handwritten notes are not recommended.
- A short or humorous citation may be used.

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3. Jury

A jury of experts in science communication will evaluate the presentations and choose the best presentation. The Jury's decision will be final.

4. Development of the competition

Each URL doctoral programme may submit one candidate to the competition. The “Explica'ns la teva tesi en 4 minuts” competition will be held at the Rector's Office on **May 13th, 2027.**

The winner will enjoy a mentoring session with an expert in communication from the University in order to prepare the inter-university final.

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5. Presentation of candidatures

The coordinators of the University's doctoral programmes will present the people selected to compete to the Technical Secretariat of the Doctoral Committee **no later than April 30th, 2027**, by sending the original, duly signed application form and the corresponding editable file.