

# World Class Day 3

a virtual celebration of students' research

## Call for Proposals

World Class Day (WCD), a free online conference, highlights research carried out by students worldwide. Via live video link, participants introduce their projects to an international audience. Within a limit of five minutes, they accomplish these goals:

- ask an important new question that is grounded in the theory or method best suited for their own inquiry;
- identify a key insight that they have reached;
- predict the next steps for the research trajectory.

This conference is designed for students to share their individual research across distances, disciplines, and cultures. They come together to share and discuss their work with their international audience.

Hosted by the University of Saskatchewan in Canada, **WCD1** and **2** gave international exposure to 53 student researchers from various schools and disciplines at universities in China, India, Ethiopia, Nigeria, the Netherlands, and Canada.

**You are invited to participate in WCD3, which takes place on 16 March 2020!**

You can bring your research to an international sphere of discussion at no cost. You can engage in illuminating dialogue about your work. You can be recognized for your achievement. WCD can, in other words, serve as a stepping-stone in your progress toward your academic, professional, and personal goals.

**To apply, please complete the next page.  
Proposal to World Class Day (WCD3), 16 March  
2020**

---

1. Who are you?

Name:

Academic affiliation:

Email:

---

2. Which instructor or advisor will vouch for you?

Name:

Academic affiliation:

Email:

---

3. What is the title of your project?

---

4. In 30 words or less, what is the question your project is designed to answer?

---

5. Do you agree to meet with a mentor in the week before **WCD3**?

---

6. Do you agree to abide by the time limit of 5 minutes?

---

Send your completed application to [david.john.parkinson@usask.ca](mailto:david.john.parkinson@usask.ca) by **15 February 2020**.

**See the next page for guidelines.**

## **Guidelines for WCD3**

The format for the presentation is simple: the presenter asks a question, cites a theory or method, indicates a motivation, identifies a key insight, and looks forward to next steps.

This brief format calls for special planning and preparation. It will not be possible to survey a general topic or rush through a long paper. Presenters are advised to respect the needs of a non-specialist audience who are connecting for only a few minutes online.

The presentation must offer a complete, original idea. It must be designed to capture the interest of a diverse audience.

A **WCD** presentation is made by audio and video link through Skype. Presenters are advised to speak directly to the camera so that virtual eye contact is established with the audience.

The presentation must not include any additional files: no slides, music, or video clips.

A week before the conference, each presenter will meet with a mentor via Skype. The mentor will review the presentation and give advice about ways to improve it. If a mentor advises that a presentation is not ready, it will not be included in the final schedule for the conference.

If the connection fails, an attempt will be made to reconnect. If this attempt is unsuccessful, the conference will proceed to the next presenter.

It is expected that the presenters will stay connected for at least one session in addition to their own and give constructive feedback on other presentations.

After the presentation, audience members will address any questions or comments directly to a presenter by the email address given in the conference programme.

**End of document.**