

UVic Postdoc Research Day 2026 Judging Rubric

Adapted from the 3MT judging rubric

Scoring Notes

- There are four categories. Each category is scored between 1 and 5.
- Half marks are allowed.
- Scoring is for judging use only and will not be communicated to the presenters.
- Please calibrate scores according to this rubric:

1	2	3	4	5
Needs improvement, some major weak spots	Fair, some significant weak spots	Good, some weak spots	Very good, only minor weak spots	Excellent, no weak spots

Background (/5)

- Did the presenter clearly outline the purpose or importance of their research?
- Did the presenter provide adequate background and context to understand the research question?

Research (/5)

- Did the presenter clearly describe their research strategy?
- Did the presenter describe their contribution and how their work addresses the research question?
- Did the presenter clearly describe the conclusions or outcomes of their research? Or, for research in progress, did the presenter outline the potential conclusions or outcomes?

Communication (/5)

- Was the presentation communicated in non-technical terms appropriate for a broad audience of researchers from across disciplines?
- Was the presenter engaging and did they maintain the audience's attention?

Presentation (/5)

- Did the presentation follow a logical sequence?
- Were the slides or other visual aids used effectively to enhance the presentation?

Total (/20)