

3MT 2022 WINNERS

First Place LUCY HUGHES



Lucy is a second year PhD candidate at the Ferrier Research Institute, having graduated with BSc(Hons) in 2021 from the University of Otago. Lucy is working under the supervision of Drs Farah Lamiabé-Oulaïdi and Scott Cameron. Her research interests lie in organic chemistry, with specific focus on drug design and synthesis. In her spare time, Lucy is a keen Olympic lifter.

<https://vimeo.com/723219026>

Second Place DEAN BROUGHTON



Dean Broughton is completing a PhD in history at Victoria University. Dean is working on a comprehensive study of ship-jumping seafarers in New Zealand between 1945 and 1980. His general research focuses on New Zealand and British seafarers in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Dean's Master's thesis discussed lascars in the nineteenth century British maritime world. Dean comes from a merchant navy background and is passionate about the seafaring narrative being more prominent in New Zealand history. Dean has worked as a researcher and tutor in a range of historical and political subjects at Victoria University.

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Third Place ELEANOR MESTEL



EI is a PhD researcher who works to learn about Taupō volcano using seismology, with a focus on the co-production of research with local people as part of the MBIE-funded ECLIPSE programme. They are based in Te Kura Tātai Aro Whenua School of Geography, Environment and Earth Sciences.

International Student Award MELANIE ALTEMUS



I am an international PhD student from the United States studying Cross-cultural Psychology. My doctoral research examines tourist and host moral perspectives of "volunteer tourism" and the potential consequences. Besides research, I enjoy exploring new places, thrifting, and vegetarian cooking.

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Masters Award ESME WHISKIN



Kia ora! I'm a second year health psychology masters student, currently working on my thesis. I believe that science communication is key, and that research should be accessible to all people rather than an elite few. In fact, this is a major aspect of my thesis project. I was very excited about the opportunity to try and communicate my research in an accessible way during this competition. I am passionate about psychology research and mental health, with plans to move into practice once I finish my degree.

Finalist REBEKAH SENANAYAKE



Rebekah Senanayake is a PhD student in Anthropology at Te Herenga Waka - Victoria University of Wellington.

Rebekah's PhD research focuses on the use of traditional plant medicines and altered states of consciousness in Peruvian Amazonia, building on the work of multiple trips to the Amazon since 2015. Her research investigates ontologies pertaining to the natural world and more-than-human forms.

She received her MSc (Cross-Cultural Psychology) from VUW as a Marsden Master's student where she investigated experiences of ego-dissolution in altered states of consciousness, and was awarded First-Class Honours in Psychology, BSc (Cultural Anthropology & Psychology).

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