

Beyond the Spark: New Frontiers in RadioScience



GUIDELINES FOR PARTECIPATION

Please read carefully the entire document. In case of issues during the submission phase, please contact the Young Researcher competition organizer Micol Colella: micol.colella@uniroma1.it

The participation to the Young Researcher 3MT Competition “My Research and Marconi’s Legacy” is divided into three phases:

- **Phase 1: Application**

1. Eligibility criteria:

- Applicants must be younger than 35 years old and must be enrolled in a PhD program or be up to the 2nd year of PostDoc at the date of the Event.
- Applicants’ research focus must be within the areas of interest identified by the URSI commissions.
- Applicants must agree to a declaration of intent to participate in person and at their own expenses, to the event ***Beyond the Spark: New Frontiers in RadioScience*** that will be held on **February 6th 2026** at the Sala Marconi, National Research Council (CNR) —Piazzale Aldo Moro 7, 00185 Rome. Any finalist who is unable to attend in person must **notify the organizer Micol Colella and the chair of the respective URSI commission** by **January 15th 2026**. In such case the finalist will be excluded from the competition and the next eligible participant in the ranking will be advanced.

2. Submission form:

- Applicants must send their applications via google form [Young Researchers Session Application Form](#) by **December 23rd 2025**.

3. Check list of the information and documents requested:

- ☐ Personal information (First Name Last Name)
- ☐ Affiliation
- ☐ Institutional email address
- ☐ Name of Supervisor
- ☐ URSI Commission (***confirm this choice with your Supervisor. This information cannot be changed after the application has been sent***)
- ☐ Title of the 3MT Presentation
- ☐ An elevator pitch (within 30 and 40 seconds) (details on how to make an elevator pitch can be found [here](#)). The elevator pitch should highlight the candidate research and how it can be considered a legacy of Guglielmo Marconi.

- **Phase 2: Selection**

1. After the review process, one finalist per commission will be selected. Finalists will be announced on **January 10th 2026.**
2. Upon selection, finalists will be required to confirm to **the organizer Micol Colella and the chair of the respective URSI commission** by **January 15th 2026** their acceptance and their commitment to **attend in person, and at their own expenses (no travel support will be provided)**, the event *Beyond the Spark: New Frontiers in RadioScience*. In case of withdrawal by a finalist, the spot will be assigned to the next eligible participant in the ranking.

- **Phase 3: The competition**

1. The competition will be held in occasion of the event *Beyond the Spark: New Frontiers in RadioScience* (**February 6th 2026**, Sala Marconi, National Research Council (CNR) — Piazzale Aldo Moro 7, 00185 Rome), during the Young Researchers Special Session.
2. Presentations must follow the rules of the 3MT competition ([Competition rules - Three Minute Thesis - University of Queensland \(uq.edu.au\)](#)). Examples of 3MT pitches can be found in this collection [3 Minute Thesis \(3MT\) Competition 2024- Examples](#).