

The Graduate School

Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) Competition Guidelines



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Purpose

Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) is a research communication competition developed by The University of Queensland (UQ). The exercise challenges graduate students to present a compelling oration on their thesis topic and its significance in just three minutes. 3MT® develops academic, presentation, and research communication skills and supports the development of research students' capacity to effectively explain their research in language appropriate to a non-specialist audience. This faculty-judged competition will recognize outstanding scholarship with multiple monetary prizes.



Who can participate in the Graduate Student Research and Project Showcase?

Any **graduate student** who is the **primary author** of a research project, original work, class paper, or class project may participate in the **Three Minute Thesis Competition**. Group presentations are not allowed.

Note: For the 3MT® competition, a graduate student is defined as an enrolled UL Lafayette graduate student in a degree-seeking graduate program.

When and Where?

The preliminary rounds of the 3MT® competition will take place on November 22, beginning at 12 pm, and November 23, beginning at 2 pm in Moody 103.

General Rules and Guidelines

All students participating in the 3MT® competition agree to the rules and guidelines stated below. If the following guidelines are not adhered to without prior approval from the 3MT® competition Coordinator (Dr. Philip de Mahy, Assistant Dean of the Graduate School philip.demahy@louisiana.edu), a participant shall be disqualified from receiving an award. All questions about the rules and guidelines can be directed to him.

Statement of Understanding

Students electing to participate in any of the three competitions assume and agree to the following statement of understanding:

As a participant in the 3MT® competition, I have read the Rules and Guidelines and agree to follow these.

3MT® Guidelines

- Presentations are limited to 3 minutes and competitors exceeding 3 minutes are disqualified.
- Presentations are considered to have commenced when a presenter starts their presentation
- A single static slide is permitted in the presentation (no slide transitions, animations or 'movement' of any description).
- No additional props (e.g. costumes, musical instruments, laboratory equipment and animated backgrounds) are permitted.
- Presentations are to be spoken word (e.g. no poems, raps or songs).

- No additional electronic media (e.g. sound and video files) are permitted.
- The decision of the adjudicating panel is final.
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Awards and Criteria for Judging

- All 3MT® participants will be judged by the same scoring criteria, regardless of academic discipline.
- All judges' scores and decisions are final.
- Participants that receive less than 60% of the possible score are ineligible for an award.