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What is the 3MT Competition?

- Three Minute Thesis (3MT™) is a research communication competition developed by The University of Queensland in Australia in 2008.

- The premise of the competition is to develop academic, presentation, and research communication skills. It supports the development of students’ capacities to effectively explain their research in language appropriate to an intelligent but non-specialist audience.

- Graduate students have three minutes to present compelling orations on their thesis or dissertation topics and their significance.

- 3MT™ is not an exercise in “watering down” research but forces students to consolidate their ideas and concisely explain their research discoveries.
Other Universities Who Participate in 3MT

**In Georgia:**
- Georgia State University
- Georgia Tech
- University of Georgia
- Kennesaw State University
- Columbus State University
- Emory University
- Augusta University

**In the United States:**
- University of Kentucky
- Mississippi State University
- New York University
- University of North Carolina
- University of North Florida
- Purdue University
- University of Alabama
- Auburn University
- UMass Dartmouth
- Florida International
- Oklahoma State University
- University of Oregon
- Texas A&M University
- Vanderbilt University
- University of Virginia
Submitting Your Abstract
Abstract Submission Tips

At what stage are you in your thesis/dissertation research?

2-3 sentences describing where you are in the process (i.e., proposal, prospectus, methods determined, data collection etc.)
Abstract Should:

1. be limited to 250 words
2. describe expected research conclusions and broader impact
3. explain the importance of those conclusions and broader impact
4. be written in layman's terms for a lay audience
Abstracts Due: January 31, 2022

Submit Online at:
https://gsugraduateprograms.wufoo.com/forms/z1fb82v80nqj91u/
Rules & Judging Criteria
**Rules**

A single static PowerPoint slide is permitted.

- No additional electronic media (e.g. sound and video files) are permitted.
- No slide transitions, animations or ‘movement’ of any description are allowed. The slide is to be presented from the beginning of the oration.
- No additional props (e.g. costumes, musical instruments, laboratory equipment) are permitted.

Presentations are limited to a maximum of 3 minutes. Competitors exceeding 3 minutes are disqualified.

- Presentations are to be spoken word (e.g. no poems, raps or songs).
- Presentations are to commence from the stage or front of room.
- Presentations are considered to have commenced when a presenter starts their presentation through either movement or speech.

The decision of the judging panel is final.
Judging Criteria:

- Comprehension
- Content
- Communication
- Engagement
Judging Criteria: Comprehension & Content

- Did the presentation help the audience understand the research?
- Did the presenter clearly outline the nature and aims of research?
- Did the speaker avoid scientific jargon, explain terminology and provide adequate background information to illustrate points?
- Do you know what is significant about this research?
- Did the presenter spend adequate time on each element of their presentation – or did they elaborate for too long on one aspect or was the presentation rushed?
- Did the presentation follow a logical sequence?
Judging Criteria: Engagement & Communication

» Did the oration make the audience want to know more?
» Was the presenter careful not to trivialize or generalize their research?
» Did the presenter convey enthusiasm for their research?
» Did the presenter capture and maintain their audience’s attention?
» Did the speaker have sufficient stage presence, eye contact and vocal range; maintain a steady pace, and have a confident stance?
» Did the PowerPoint slide enhance the presentation – was it clear, legible, and concise?
Prizes

Prizes awarded separately to Master’s & Doctoral Participants

- Winner: $500
- Runner-Up: $250
- Third Place: $150
- People’s Choice: $100

People’s choice is determined by the GSU community
Additional Benefits

- All finalists will have a nicely editing video to post on your social platforms.
- All Winners are featured in GSU News Hub story.
- 1st Place Winner Nominated to participate in Regional Competition:
  - Conference of Southern Graduate Schools (http://www.csgs.org/)
Event Schedule
### Three Minute Thesis (3MT) Schedule of Events 2022

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<td>Monday, November 29th 1pm</td>
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<td>Wednesday, March 30th</td>
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3MT Site: [https://graduate.gsu.edu/professional-development/3mtatgsu/](https://graduate.gsu.edu/professional-development/3mtatgsu/)
Resources
Date/Time
Wed, February 9, 2022
11:30 PM – 1:00 PM
Virtual Event

Guest Speaker: Myra Oviatt, Internal Communications Manager, Success from Anywhere at Salesforce

Description: Whether you’re presenting a research paper at a conference or defending your research at your thesis/dissertation defense, drawing on basic visual communication principles will improve the delivery of your next research presentation. This workshop will help you plot your escape from the PowerPoint wasteland and develop engaging presentations with functional design, good flow, and meaningful graphics.

Register: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/public-scholarship-designing-presentations-for-maximum-impact-tickets-207341603317
3MT Workshop 2

Preparing Your 3MT Presentation - Three Minute Thesis (3MT) Competitor Workshop

Facilitator: Dori Neptune, Project Coordinator, The Graduate School

Description: Even the world’s best public speakers prepare before important presentations. This session provides:
✓ suggestions to help you in writing your presentation
✓ tips for creating your slide and practicing your verbal presentation

We encourage serious competitors to participate in this workshop.

Register: https://thegraduateschoolatGSU.eventbrite.com
Virtual Coaching Appointments

Available: February 14-25
Online or In-person

- Practice your oral presentation
- Talk through your presentation
- Get Slide Advice
Resources

- [https://readability-score.com/text/](https://readability-score.com/text/)  A readability score is a computer-calculated index which can tell you roughly what level of education someone will need to be able to read a piece of text easily.

**PREPARATION: HOW-TO VIDEOS**

- 3MT: The three most common mistakes  [http://youtu.be/nr9yRkqYNQs](http://youtu.be/nr9yRkqYNQs)
Resources: GSU 3MT Videos

https://graduate.gsu.edu/professional-development/3mtatgsu/
Resources: 3MT Winner Videos

- 2016 University of Waterloo 3MT first prize winner: Gah-Jone Won

- 2016 University of Minnesota 3MT Competition - First Prize Winner
  Michelle Brown https://youtu.be/Elt_0P8_iZE

- Ubong Peters Dalhousie 3MT 2016 Winner
  https://youtu.be/naiPOSBzrlY

- Three Minute Thesis (3MT) 2013 QUT winner - Megan Pozzi
  https://youtu.be/0K9iYUBCG_o
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