80,000 words in 180 seconds……

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Agenda

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What is 3MT?

- Annual competition held in over 600 universities and institutions across 65 countries worldwide,
- Open to graduate students, and challenges participants to present their research in just 180 seconds,
- Aims to *develops presentation, research and academic communication skills* and supports the development of research students' capacity to explain their work effectively
History

- 2008- First 3MT competition was held at UQ
- 2010- The Inaugural Trans-Tasman 3MT competition was held at UQ
- 2013- First Universitas 21 (U21) 3MT competition
- 2016- Inaugural Asia-Pacific 3MT held at UQ
Eligibility

- Currently enrolled **master's and doctoral students** in all disciplines at SUNY Albany will be eligible to participate in 3MT™
- Work presented must have been conducted at the University at Albany, SUNY
- Students should be in the **final stages of graduate school** so they have some sound conclusions and impacts from their research
- Alumni are not eligible
Rules

• **A single static PowerPoint slide is 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 electronic media (e.g. sound and video files) are permitted.
• No additional props (e.g. cue cards, costumes, musical instruments, laboratory equipment) are permitted.
• Presentations are limited to **3 minutes maximum** and 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.
• Presentations are considered to have commenced when a presenter starts their presentation through either movement or speech.
• The decision of the adjudicating panel is final.
Judging Criteria

• **Comprehension & Content**
  • Did the presentation provide an understanding of the background to the research question being addressed and its significance?
  • Was the thesis topic, key results and research significance and outcomes communicated in language appropriate to a non-specialist audience?

• **Engagement & Communication**
  • Did the presenter convey enthusiasm for their research?
  • Did the presenter capture and maintain their audience's attention?
Your thoughts?
Judge Panel

- Three judges in distinct disciplines
  - UAlbany administrative staff,
  - UAlbany faculty, and
  - alumni
Prize

• First Place- $1,000 and optional funded trip to compete in regionals held by NEAGS
• Second Place - $750
• Third Place - $500
• People’s Choice - $250
Why Participate?

- Skills development for research candidates
- Building research culture in schools and institutes
- Building external relations for the university
- Bragging rights!
“The competition goes beyond winners and losers; it promotes the importance of research to the public and helps develop the next generation of communicators - in academia and beyond. Each of the competitors will have developed much needed skills, grown in confidence and broadened their network of clients.”

- Zlatko Skrbis, The University of Queensland
Workshops

• 3MT- Communicating With a Non-Specialist Audience
  Date: Early February (TBA)
  Time & Location: TBA

• 3MT- Successfully Speaking
  Date: Early February (TBA)
  Time & Location: TBA
Resources

The Three Minute Thesis Webpages – Additional Resources

https://www.albany.edu/graduate/three_minute_thesis.php
https://threeminutethesis.uq.edu.au/
3MT Tournament

Preliminary Rounds
Wed., Feb. 27th
10:30am-2:30pm
Empire Commons
Community Building
3MT Tournament

3MT Final
Wed., March 6th
11:30am-12:30pm
Fine Arts 126
How To Enter?

- Registration will go live in the next two weeks
- All doctoral and master’s students will be emailed when registration open
- Registration link will also be posted on our Grad Engage social media pages
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Questions?
THANK YOU!!!