80,000 words in 180 seconds…….
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
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?
Example

UAlbany 2019 Winner

Full list of UAlbany 2019 videos
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, if selected to compete in nationals, at the Council of Graduate School 60th Annual Meeting, Dec 2-5, 2020 in Washington DC.

- **Second Place - $750**

- **Third Place - $500**

- **People’s Choice - $250**
Why Participate?

• Develop presentation and research communication skills
• Build research culture in schools and institutions
• Build 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
Thursday, February 27, 2020

Final Round
Wednesday, March 4, 2020
How To Enter?

Register by February 14, 2020:
https://admissions.albany.edu/register/UAlbany3MT2020
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Questions?
THANK YOU!!!