



U of S Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) Competition Rules and Judging Criteria



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Rules:

The standardized rules of the 3MT competitions internationally are as follows:

1. Presenters are allowed a single PowerPoint slide; no slide transitions, no animations or 'movement' of any kind, the slide is presented from the beginning and for the duration of the presentation.
2. No additional electronic media (ex: sound or video files) are permitted.
3. No additional props (ex: costumes, musical instruments, laboratory equipment) are permitted.
4. Presentations are limited to 3 minutes maximum; presentations running over 3 minutes will be disqualified.
5. Presentations are limited to spoken word (ex: no poems, raps, or songs).
6. Presentations are to commence from the stage (ex: no dramatic entrances).
7. Presentations are considered to have commenced when the presenter starts their presentation through movement or speech.
8. The decision of the adjudicating panel is final.

Judging Criteria:

The competitors will be judged based on two criteria:

1. Comprehension and Content

- 1.1 Did the presentation provide an understanding of the background to the research question and its significance?
- 1.2 Did the presentation clearly describe the key results of the research including conclusions and outcomes?
- 1.3 Was the presentation clear and logical?
- 1.4 Was the language used appropriate for a non-specialist audience?
- 1.5 Did the presenter make good use of the three-minute allotment? Or did the presentation feel rushed?



2. Engagement and Communication

- 2.1 Did the oration make the audience want to learn more?
- 2.2 Was the presenter careful not to generalize their research?
- 2.3 Did the presenter convey enthusiasm for their research?
- 2.4 Did the presenter capture and maintain the audience's attention?
- 2.5 Did the presenter have sufficient stage presence, eye contact, and vocal range?
6. Did the presenter maintain a steady pace and confident stance?
7. Did the static slide enhance the presentation? Was it clear, legible, and concise?