

3 Minutes Thesis Competition

Can **YOU** explain your research in
3 MINUTES?



PREPARATION

Even the world's best presenters prepare before important presentations. Please find below suggestions to help you in:

- Writing your presentation
- Creating a slide
- Practicing your recording and
- Submitting your presentation



3MT WRITING

One Of the judging criteria's looks for evidence that you can explain your research to a non-specialist audience. To do this you may like to:

- Avoid jargon and academic language
- Explain concepts and people importance to the research
- Highlight the outcomes of your research, and the impact
- Imagine you explain your research to a close friend from another field
- Exciting your research, you should convey enthusiasm for your subject



TELL A STORY

You might like to present a story:

- Present your 3MT like a story, with a beginning, middle and end.
- Break your presentation down into smaller sections,
- Writing an opener to catch attention, then highlight your different points, and finally have a summary to restate the importance of your work.



HAVE A CLEAR OUTCOME IN MIND

Know what you want your audience to take away:

- Leave the audience with an understanding of what you are doing.
- Why is it important.
- What did you want to achieve.



WHAT NOT TO DO

Do not write an academic paper:

- Use shorter words,
- Shorter sentences,
- Shorter paragraphs.
- Use humor but be careful not to devalue your presentation.



REVISE

Proof your 3MT by reading it aloud:

- To yourself and to an audience of friends and family,
- Check your style, and listen to feedback
- Ask your audience if your presentation clearly highlight what your research is and why it is important.



POWERPOINT SLIDE

Before you start working take the following rule into account:

- A single static PowerPoint slide is permitted
- No slide transition, animation or movement of any description are permitted,
- No additional electronic media (e.g., sound and video files are permitted
- Remember to reference

An engaging visual presentation can make or break oration, so you want your slide to be legible, clear and concise. Follow the suggestions!



LESS IS MORE

Text and complicated graphics can distract your audience – you don't want them to read your slide rather than listen to your 3MT



CREATIVITY

Do not rely on your slide to convey your message – it should simply complement your spoken oration.



WORK YOUR MESSAGE

Think how your slide might assist with the format and delivery of your presentation:

- Is there a metaphor that helps explain your research?

