

5th NCL-RF Annual Student Conference

Guidelines for 3 Minute Thesis (3MT) presentation

The purpose of the 5th NCL-RF Annual Student Conference 3-Minute Thesis (3MT) presentation sessions is to showcase the talent of research scholars, predoctoral, postdoctoral fellows and expert data users to communicate the significance of their research in a language appropriate to a non-specialist audience.

Here are a few guidelines to be followed by the presenters.

What is a Three Minute Thesis?

Three Minute Thesis (3MT[®]) is a competition for research scholars to develop and showcase their research communication skills.

3MT Competition

Would you like to condense your 80,000-word thesis into a captivating 3-minute presentation? Join the excitement of competing with fellow graduate students in the 3MT competition and seize the opportunity to showcase your research at the 5th NCL-RF Annual Student Conference 2023!

The origins of the 3MT competition trace back to 2008 at The University of Queensland (UQ), where 160 graduate students first competed. Since then, the enthusiasm for the 3MT concept has grown, and it has been adopted by numerous universities worldwide, eventually leading to the establishment of an international competition in 2010. Today, students from the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, and Hong Kong actively participate in their own regional and national 3MT events.

The Rules:

- A single static PowerPoint slide is permitted (no slide transitions, animations, or 'movement' of any kind; 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., costumes, musical instruments, laboratory equipment) are permitted.
- Zoom backgrounds are considered props. Please ensure your background is a blank screen or wall.
- Presentations are limited to three minutes maximum and competitors exceeding 3 minutes are disqualified.
- Presentations are to be spoken word (i.e., no poems, raps, or songs).
- Presentations are to commence from the stage.
- Presentations are considered to have commenced when presenters start their presentation through movement or speech.
- The decision of the adjudicating panel is final.

Judgement Criteria:

Each of the judging criteria has equal weightage. Note what each criterion has in common: An emphasis on audience.

1. Comprehension and Content

- Did the presentation provide a clear background and significance to the research question?
- Did the presentation clearly describe the research strategy/design and the results/findings of the research?
- Did the presentation clearly describe the conclusions, outcomes, and impact of the research?

2. Engagement and Communication

- Was the oration delivered clearly and in language appropriate for a non-specialist audience?
- Was the PowerPoint slide clear, and did it enhance the presentation?
- Did the presenter convey enthusiasm for their research and capture and maintain the audience's attention?

PS: Please use the link for more guidelines: <https://threeminutethesis.uq.edu.au/watch-3mt>