An 80,000 word thesis would take 9 hours to present. Their time limit....

3 minutes
GRADUATE THREE MINUTE THESIS COMPETITION

PRELIMINARY ROUND  WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2022, 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Claire T. Carney Library, 2nd Floor Lecture Hall, Room 206

FINAL ROUND  THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2022, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Robert F. Stoico/FirstFed Charitable Foundation Grand Reading Room

The Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) is an academic research communication competition developed by The University of Queensland (UQ), Australia.

What is it?

• Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) is a research communication competition which challenges graduate research students (PhD and Masters by Research) to present a compelling oration on their thesis topic and its significance in just three minutes.
• The competition develops academic, presentation, and research communication skills and supports the development of research students’ capacity to effectively explain their research in language appropriate to a non-specialist audience.
• It is not an exercise in trivializing or ‘dumbing-down’ research, but is designed to encourage students to consolidate their ideas and crystallise their research discoveries.

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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. 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

At every level of the competition each competitor will be assessed on the judging criteria listed below. Each criterion is equally weighted and has an emphasis on audience.

Comprehension and Content

• Presentation provided clear background and significance to the research question
• Presentation clearly described the research strategy/design and the results/findings of the research
• Presentation clearly described the conclusions, outcomes and impact of the research

Engagement and Communication

• The oration was delivered clearly, and the language was appropriate for a non-specialist audience
• The PowerPoint slide was well-defined and enhanced the presentation
• The presenter conveyed enthusiasm for their research and captured and maintained the audience’s attention
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Registration Form

Registrant Agreement
To be eligible a graduate research student must fulfill the following criteria:
• be a currently enrolled Ph.D. or Master’s degree student who has formally enrolled for thesis or dissertation research credit;
• not be on leave of absence, lapsed in good standing, completed, or withdrawn;
• have approval of their major advisor to present the research;
• your presentation in the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Three Minute Thesis Competition 2019 represents your original research;
• prior year winner(s) may participate only if the research is on a different topic than was presented previously;
• you have read and understood the rules and judging criteria;
• you accept the judge’s decision is final; and
• University of Massachusetts Dartmouth may photograph, film or broadcast this event.

Student Name: ____________________________ Student ID number: ____________________________
Campus email: ____________________________ Phone Contact: ____________________________
Program of Study: ____________________________
College and Department/Program of Enrollment: ____________________________
Research Supervisor (s): ____________________________
Title of your presentation: ____________________________

Signature of Student: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________

Research Supervisor

By signing below you agree that the student has completed a substantial portion of their research and has sufficient results to share.

Signature of Advisor: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________

Completed forms must be submitted prior to 5:00 PM on Monday, April 18, 2022
Please submit the completed form to Graduate Studies
via email: apgradstudies@umassd.edu OR in person: Foster Administration Building, Room 327

PLEASE NOTE: We will only have space for 30 participants. In the event that this number is exceeded, preference will be given to those students who are graduating in 2022. Please direct any questions about eligibility or the competition to Graduate Studies (apgradstudies@umassd.edu).

HELPFUL HINT: Your talk should break down into roughly three sections: what you are doing, how you are doing it, and putting into context the significance of your research. See videos of previous UMass Dartmouth competitions here: Three Minute Thesis Graduate Video | Office of Undergraduate Research | Research | UMass Dartmouth.