

# College of Graduate Studies

School of Interdisciplinary Research & Graduate Studies (SIRGS)

## Three Minutes Thesis (3MT) Competition

# Call for abstracts

The Three Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition is an annual competition held by more than 900 universities around the world. It is a research communication competition developed by the University of Queensland in Australia whereby **doctoral students** are provided with three minutes to present their research. The competition cultivates the academic, presentation and research communication skills of postgraduate students. Furthermore, it challenges the research postgraduate students to communicate the significance of their projects and results to a non-specialist audience in just three minutes and a language appropriate to an intelligent but non-specialist audience.

Three winners from each college will participate at an institutional level. The 3MT national competition will be hosted by the University of Free State. For students to participate in the National 3MT competition, they should have participated at the institutional level. The institutional winner and runner-up will be eligible for representation at the national level.

### Eligibility:

- Only registered doctoral candidates from all disciplines who have successfully passed their proposal module and submitted the intention to submit form by the date of their first presentation (final writing up of thesis submission) are eligible to participate in the 3MT competition.
- Students whom are staff members at Unisa that are also registered with a different university (for their postgraduate studies) may enter the competition according to their registration. Unisans registered for a doctoral qualification with Unisa do not qualify.
- PhD graduates are not eligible.
- Note: Confirmation of the supervisor will be sought for all candidates.

INVITATION

**ENQUIRIES:** Prof Khanyisile R. Mbatha  
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### Rules:

- Only a single static PowerPoint slide is permitted.
- No slide transitions, animations or movement of any description are allowed.
- The slide should 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 three minutes maximum and competitors exceeding 3 minutes are disqualified.
- Presentations should be spoken words (e.g., no poems, raps or songs).
- Presentations should 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.
- Students who won in the previous years are not allowed participate.

If you are interested and comply based on the eligibility to participate in the 3MT, you may apply to be trained by submitting a one page abstract. You qualify to participate only one. You can email your name, student number, proof of registration and supervisor email address to: [mbathkr@unisa.ac.za](mailto:mbathkr@unisa.ac.za). The students with the best abstracts will be invited for training on how to do oral presentation in three minutes.

**DUE DATE: Friday, 9 September 2022**

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