

College of Graduate Studies

School of Interdisciplinary Research & Graduate Studies (SIRGS)

INVITATION

Three Minutes Thesis competition (3MT) - Training

The Three Minute Thesis Competition (3MT) 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 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 in a language appropriate to an intelligent but non-specialist audience.

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

Eligibility:

- Registered doctoral candidates 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
- Each college may submit a maximum of seven candidates
- Students who are staff members at their institution but registered with a different university for their postgraduate studies. They present according to their registration. (Unisans registered with UNISA do not qualify)
- PhD graduates are not eligible
- Note: Confirmation of the supervisor will be seek for all candidates

DATE: 3 - 4 June 2021
TIME: 08:30 - 15:30
ENQUIRIES: Prof Khanyisile Mbatha
mbathkr@unisa.ac.za

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 not 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

If you are interested and comply based on the eligibility to participate in the 3MT, you may apply to be trained. You can email your name, student number and supervisor email address to:

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DUE DATE: 31 May 2021

Define tomorrow.



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