

What is 3MT?

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

Research students have three minutes to present their thesis and its significance in an inspiring and captivating way. 3MT challenges students to consolidate their ideas and research so they can be presented concisely to an audience of students, staff and peers.

National & Asia-Pacific 3MT

AUT organises a separate 3MT competition for the master's and doctoral students. The winners will represent AUT at either the NZ Master's Inter-University Challenge (for master's students) or the Asia-Pacific Competition (for doctoral students).

Why Participate in the 3MT Competition?

- It will give you transferable skills and provide invaluable feedback on your thesis/dissertation
- It's fun!
- An opportunity to network with other researchers
- Great prizes
- Good skills training for research candidates
- Winners participate at national and/or international level.

Who is eligible to enter?

PhD and Professional Doctorate students

Active doctoral candidates who have successfully passed their confirmation milestone — e.g. PGR9 — (including candidates whose thesis is under submission) by the date of their first presentation are eligible to participate in the 3MT competition. Graduates are not eligible.

Master's research students

Master's research students enrolled in a research project of 90 points or more (including candidates whose thesis is under submission) by the date of their first presentation are eligible to participate in the 3MT competition. Graduates are not eligible.



2016 AUT 3MT competition winners:
Iana Gritcan (Doctoral student) and
Kate Stone (Master's student)

Rules

- A single static PowerPoint slide is required
- No additional props permitted
- Presentations are limited to 3 minutes maximum (competitors exceeding 3 minutes are disqualified)
- The decision of the adjudicating panel is final

Judging Criteria

At every level of the competition each competitor will be assessed on the following judging criteria listed below:

- Comprehension/Content
- Engagement
- Communication

Important Dates for 3MT 2017

Applications close
Monday 10 July 2017

3MT competition pre-heat rounds*
Monday 31 July 2017**
AUT City Campus

AUT 3MT competition finals
For Doctoral students: Friday 18 August 2017**
For Master's students: Friday 18 August 2017**
AUT City Campus

Asia-Pacific 3MT Competition
Friday 29 September 2017
University of Queensland, St Lucia Campus, Brisbane, Australia

NZ Master's Inter-University Challenge
Friday 25 August 2017**
Victoria University of Wellington

*To qualify for the 3MT competition, you must be available to attend the pre-heat rounds.
**Date to be confirmed.

How do I enter?

Contact the Graduate Research School for an application form or visit the AUT website.

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