



The University Graduate School is pleased to announce the **7th Annual Three Minute Thesis Competition (3MT®)** 🎉

This competition, established by the University of Queensland, Australia (QUT) in 2008, is held at universities worldwide and is an incredibly engaging and impactful opportunity for students to showcase their research projects. Students “pitch” their research in 3 minutes with just one slide to a panel of judges and a live audience. This year's prizes include:

1st place- \$450

2nd place- \$350

People’s Choice- \$250

Important Dates:

Preliminary college-level competitions/heats	late October- early November (students will receive additional communication from graduate programs)
College Finalists are selected	November 18
Finalists receive additional coaching from FIU communications faculty and the UGS	December 2024 - January 2025
FIU Competition Finale	January 24, 2025

Presentation Rules:

- Presentations are limited to 3 minutes and competitors exceeding 3 minutes are disqualified.
- Presentations are to be spoken word (no poems, raps, or songs).
- Presentations are considered to have commenced when a presenter starts their presentation through speech.
- A single static PowerPoint slide is permitted (no slide transitions, animations or 'movement') and 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.
- The decision of the adjudicating panel is final.

Judging Criteria

Comprehension and content

- Presentation provided clear motivation, 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.

3MT® Competition – Scoring Calibration

SCORING CALIBRATION:

<p>1 Does not meet expectations</p>	<p>2 Demonstrates competency but some significant weaknesses</p>	<p>3 Good, but some flaws</p>	<p>4 Excellent, almost flawless</p>	<p>5 Outstanding, no flaws</p>
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Please include a score between 1 and 5 for each line item below (half marks allowed 0.5).

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Score out of 15	

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OVERALL SCORE	/30
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COMMENTS

This very brief comment will be used to provide feedback to unsuccessful entrants. Please identify one positive and one area for improvement. **e.g. xxx was good but you need to work on xxx**
