



## THREE MINUTE THESIS (3MT®)



### THE THREE MINUTE THESIS (3MT®) COMPETITION:

The Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) is an internationally recognized competition for thesis-based graduate students in which participants present their scholarly and creative activity and its wider impact in 3 minutes or less. The **challenge** is to present complex research in an accessible and compelling way with the assistance of **one** static **slide**.

This year StFX will be hosting its second 3MT® competition and **thesis-based graduate students** are invited to use this excellent opportunity to showcase their research and its significance to a general audience in an engaging manner, **using only one slide!** The event will be held on **Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm in 3034 MULH**. Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$250; 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$150; & People's choice: \$100.

The **winner of the StFX 3MT® competition** will advance to the **2025 Eastern Regional 3MT Competition** which will be hosted in-person by **Memorial University of Newfoundland's St. John's campus** on **Tuesday, June 10, 2025**.

The top two finalists from this year's Eastern Regional will advance to the **2025 National 3MT Showcase** to be held on **Thursday, 6 November 2025** at the Delta Ottawa City Centre Hotel, Ottawa. The winner of this competition will advance to the **North American 3MT Championship**.

### Eligibility

- Active Master's or Ph.D. candidates are eligible to participate.
- Presentations must be based on the primary research the student has conducted in their graduate program.
- Students who have already defended their thesis but have not yet graduated are eligible.
- Students with uncompleted projects are eligible to participate.
- Students in course-based programs, visiting students, exchange students, and students on leave are not eligible.



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- Graduates are ineligible for competition.
- Students must present in person, agree to be photographed and video-taped, and allow any recordings to be made public.
- Due to the nature of the competition, judges, reviewers, staff, or the audience will not be asked to sign non-disclosure statements.
- If your research includes confidential or culturally sensitive material, we advise that you discuss your competition entry with your supervisor before participating in the competition.

### Rules for the 3MT®:

1. A single static PowerPoint slide is permitted (no slide transitions, animations or “movement” of any description allowed).
2. The slide is to remain in view for the duration of the oration.
3. No additional electronic media (e.g., sound and/or video files) are permitted.
4. No props (e.g., costumes, musical instruments, laboratory equipment, phones, etc.) are permitted.
5. Presentations are limited to three minutes maximum; competitors exceeding three minutes are automatically disqualified. Participants will be given a 30-second visual or audio warning.
6. All presentations must be spoken (i.e., no poems, raps, or songs).
7. Presentations are considered commenced when a presenter starts the presentation through movement or speech.
8. The decision of the judges is final. Instructions for the evaluation of the participants are provided in the attached rubric.

### How to participate in the 3MT® Competition:

- Students who are interested in participating in the competition should contact Dr. Marcia English ([menglish@stfx.ca](mailto:menglish@stfx.ca)) to register for the event.

### For more information about the 3MT® please visit these websites:

- The University of Queensland: (<https://threeminutethesis.uq.edu.au/>).
- Canadian Association for Graduate Studies, CAGS: (<https://cags.ca/3mt-2/>).
- Vitae 3MT 2023: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M7a387Txp0o>