



2026 3MT-StFX-Program and Contestants

Overview:

The 3MT Competition highlights the breadth of graduate research undertaken at StFX University. This highly informative academic competition was developed by the University of Queensland in 2008 and is now held in more than 85 countries around the world. Participation in this event allows students to share their research and its impact with a wider audience, enhance their ability to communicate research to a non-specialist audience, refine their public speaking and presentation skills and expand their professional network. The winner of the StFX 3MT® competition will be invited to advance to the **2026 Eastern Regional 3MT Competition which will be hosted in-person on Friday, June 5, 2026, at St. Mary's University, Halifax.**

Read about the StFX 2026's 3MT contestants and their work below!

1. **Caelen Mattie, MSc Computer Science:** Explainable, Entity-Aware Financial Sentiment Analysis.
2. **Patrick Bowen, MSc. Computer Science:** Debiasing Large Language Models for Rural Populations.
3. **Charlotte Freydier, PhD Biology:** Understanding freshwater ecosystems through water striders' mating interactions.
4. **Riley McInnis, MSc. Biology:** Mussel Hustle: Can Fish Keep up with Their Pesky Parasites?
5. **Isabelle Hoversten, MSc. Biology:** Mussel Hustle: Can Fish Keep up with Their Pesky Parasites?

Program Overview

Venue: Coady (Vegso conference room, Coady 150)

Start at 2 pm

- Land Acknowledgement & Welcome: Dr. Erin Morton
- Opening Remarks: Dr. Marcia English

2: 30 to 3:15 pm:

- Student presentations:

- Vote for People's choice award

3:30 pm

- Presentation of Prizes

3:45 pm

- Closing remarks, Dr. M. English
- Photos with participants.

Judges:

Essential to the success of the 3MT competition is the participation of presentation judges! Judges will evaluate the participants on following criteria: comprehension and content, as well as engagement and communication. The judges for this year's competition include:

- Dr. Lisa Watson, (Department of Business)
- Dr. Gregory Hadley (Department of Education)
- Dr. Jill Murphy (Department of Psychology)
- Dr. Jessie McNichol (Biology Department)
- Dr. Laura Lambe (Department of Psychology)

Prizes:

First Place Presentation – \$250

Second Place – \$150

People's Choice - \$100