

2022 GSLC 3MT Overview

KEY DATES:

- Wednesday, December 15: Abstract submissions due
- Monday, January 31: Abstract acceptance notification
- Monday, February 28: All video materials due
- Monday, March 7: Video gallery open for voting/judging
- Monday, March 28: Winners announced at SOT Annual Meeting

PREPARATION:

- Meet the Winners of the 2021 GSLC 3MT:
<https://player.vimeo.com/video/620190131?h=24e5ef0074>
- Tips from the creators:
 - 3MT competitor guide: <https://threeminutethesis.uq.edu.au/3mt-virtual-competitor-guide>
 - Presentations from previous winners: <https://threeminutethesis.uq.edu.au/watch-3mt>
 - 3 tips to win: <https://youtu.be/U9czKztZK1I>
 - 3 common mistakes: <https://youtu.be/nr9yRkqYNOs>

RULES:

- 3MT contents criteria
 - A single static PowerPoint slide is permitted but not required (no slide transitions, animations or 'movement' of any description, the slide is to be presented from the beginning of the oration).
 - Additional props (e.g., costumes, musical instruments, laboratory equipment, sound, or video) are permitted and encouraged to showcase creativity.
 - Presentations are considered to have commenced when a presenter starts their presentation through movement or speech.
 - Presentations are strictly limited to 3 minutes maximum and competitors exceeding 180 seconds will be disqualified.
- Video upload criteria
 - Your video should be recorded in the landscape configuration
 - You can record using an online meeting platform (Zoom, WebEx, GoTo, Teams, etc.), phone (Android or iOS), or computer
 - Online meeting platforms are a great option to record both live video feed and screen share if you plan to use a PowerPoint slide
 - Include a minimum 5 silent/motionless seconds both before and after presentation (180" presentation time does not include this additional 10" needed for editing)
 - Additional instructions will be provided to selected competitors for uploading

JUDGING CRITERIA:

Comprehension & Content

- Did the presentation provide an understanding of the background and significance to the research question being addressed while explaining terminology and avoiding jargon?
- Did the presentation clearly describe the impact and/or results of the research, including conclusions and outcomes?
- Did the presentation follow a clear and logical sequence?
- Was the thesis topic, research significance, results/impact and outcomes communicated in language appropriate to a non-specialist audience?
- Did the presenter spend adequate time on each element of their presentation - or did they elaborate for too long on one aspect or was the presentation rushed?

Engagement

- Did the oration make the audience want to know more?
- Was the presenter careful not to trivialize or generalize their research?
- Did the presenter convey enthusiasm for their research?
- Did the presenter capture and maintain their audience's attention?
- Did the speaker have sufficient stage presence, eye contact and vocal range; maintain a steady pace, and have a confident stance?
- Did the supplementary material (e.g., slide, prop, media, etc.) enhance the presentation - was it clear, legible, and concise?

People's Choice

- An important aspect of the competition is audience participation.
- The general audience will be asked to vote on who they thought gave the most convincing 3MT presentation (based on their understanding of the above criteria).
- A finalist can be the winner or runner-up and still receive the People's Choice award.