



CINEC International Research Symposium 2026 (CIRS 2026)

Three Minute Thesis Presentation (3MT) Guidelines

Three Minute Thesis (3MT) is a professional and highly engaging international research communication competition developed by The University of Queensland (UQ).

An 80,000-word thesis would take 9 hours to present; would you be able to present yours in just 3 minutes with the aid of a single slide?

The 3MT challenges MPhil/PhD candidates to present a compelling spoken presentation on their research and its significance concisely in just 3 minutes to an educated general audience.

Eligibility Criteria

Active PhD and Professional Doctorate (Research) candidates who have successfully passed their confirmation milestone (including candidates whose thesis is under submission) by the date of 27th of March 2026 are eligible to participate for the 3MT competition. Graduates are not eligible.

Instructions for candidates

- Presentations must not exceed 3 minutes. Exceeding the time limit will result in disqualification.
- Presentations must be delivered in person at the competition venue. Virtual presentations are not permitted.
- Presentations must be delivered using spoken words only. Poems, raps, or songs are not allowed.
- Only English
- A presentation is considered to start when the presenter begins speaking or moves to deliver their talk.
- No props, including costumes, musical instruments, or laboratory equipment, are allowed.
- The decision of the adjudicating panel is final.

Instructions for the preparation of a PowerPoint slide

- Only one PowerPoint slide is allowed.
- No transitions, animations, or movement within the slide.
- The slide should be ready from the start of the presentation.
- Text & Fonts: Use legible fonts such as Calibri or Arial for any labels or annotations.

- No additional media, such as sound or video files, are permitted.

Instructions for abstract

- All the instructions are mentioned in the abstract template.
- Please note that this abstract is only considered to evaluate the research and it will not be considered as a research publication.

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