



## **CINEC International Research Symposium 2026 (CIRS 2026)**

### **Three Minute Thesis Presentation (3MT) Guidelines**

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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 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **For Further Information:**

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