

# USM VIRTUAL

# 3 MINUTE THESIS

## CATEGORY

- ENGINEERING
- SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
- SOCIAL SCIENCES

## 18 OCT 2021

Due date for participant's nomination  
to Institute of Postgraduate Studies (IPS), USM

## 17 NOV 2021

USM VIRTUAL 3MT COMPETITION DAY

## What is "Three Minute Thesis"?

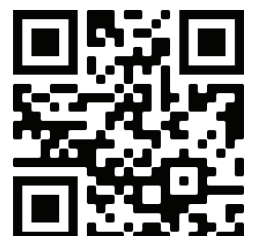
Three Minute Thesis (3MT) is a research communication competition developed by the University of Queensland (UQ). Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) students have three minutes to present a compelling oration on their thesis & its significance. 3MT is not an exercise in trivialising or 'dumbing-down' research, but challenges students to consolidate their ideas and research discoveries so they can be presented concisely to a non-specialist audience.

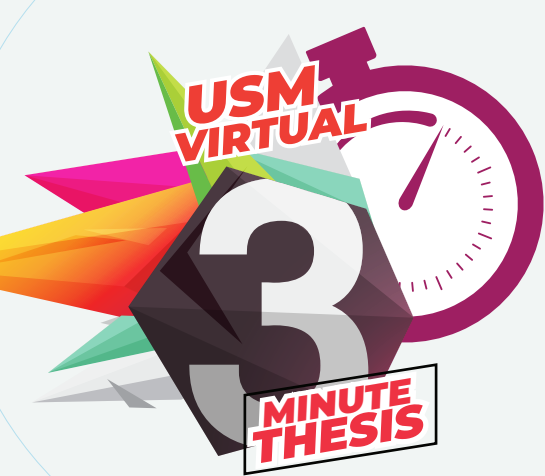
Note : For more info, kindly log on  
to USM 3MT website

**PRIZES**

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> | RM600 |
| + Certificate   |       |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | RM400 |
| + Certificate   |       |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | RM200 |
| + Certificate   |       |

Submission must be made via respective School/Centre/Institute





# RULES & REGULATIONS

The USM 3 MT competition is open to :

- 1 All active USM PhD students; and
- 2 Must be in the second year of study and above · Those who have been endorsed as GRADUATED either before/during the competition are automatically disqualified. Qualified participants will be notified by IPS.

Disclaimer: IPS has the right to shortlist the participants

## MODIFICATIONS TO THE 3MT RULES HAVE BEEN MADE TO ACCOMMODATE THE NEW VIRTUAL FORMAT

- 3 Presentations are limited to 3 minutes and presenters exceeding 3 minutes are disqualified.
- 4 Presentations are considered to have commenced when a presenter starts their presentation through speech (timing does not include the 3MT title slide and commences from when the presenters starts speaking, not the start of the video).
- 5 A single static slide is permitted in the presentation (no slide transitions, animations or 'movement' of any description). This slide must be made visible continuously throughout the presentation.
- 6 The 3-minute audio must be continuous – no sound edits or breaks.
- 7 No additional props (e.g. costumes, musical instruments, laboratory equipment and animated backgrounds) are permitted within the recording. Presentations are to be spoken word (e.g. no poems, raps or songs).
- 8 No additional electronic media (e.g. sound and video files) are permitted within the video recording.
- 9 The decision of the adjudicating panel is final.
- 10 Entries submitted for final adjudication are to be submitted from the School/Centre/Institute to 3MT Event Coordinator in IPS. Presenters should not submit their videos directly to 3MT Event Coordinator.

## VIDEOS MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA :

- Filmed on the horizontal (landscape);
- Filmed on a plain background;
- Filmed from a static position;
- Filmed from one camera angle;
- Contain a 3MT title slide;
- Contain a 3MT PowerPoint slide; (top right corner/right side/cut to)
- Video format is in MP4 For example please visit : <https://vimeo.com/threeminutethesis/albums>

## JUDGING CRITERIA

At every level of the competition each presenters will be assessed on the judging criteria listed below. Each criterion is equally weighted and has an emphasis on audience.



### Content & Comprehension

The selection of suitable and appropriate words

Ability to explain the research within the stipulated time given

Ability to attract the audiences' attention

Body Language that suits the tone of the presentation

The research is clearly and effectively communicated



### Engagement & Communication Style

Presenters \*will not\* be judged on video/ recording quality or editing capabilities (optional inclusions). · Judging will focus on the presentation, ability to communicate research to a non-specialist audience, and 3MT PowerPoint slide.

### \*NOTES

**School/Centre/Institute is highly encouraged to conduct a selection process before submitting nomination for the competition. School/Centre/Institute can send a maximum of 3 participants.**