Three Minute Thesis Competition (3MT®)  
An 80,000 word thesis would take 9 hours to present. Their time limit...3 minutes.

### 3MT Preliminary Heats

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<td>Wednesday, October 19</td>
<td>10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Majestic Palm, Student Union Boca Raton campus</td>
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<td>LY 501, Wimberly Library Boca Raton campus</td>
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<td>Room PA 101, Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters, Boca Raton Campus</td>
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<td>NU 202, Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing</td>
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<td>Thursday, November 3</td>
<td>4:00 - 6:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Harbor Branch Auditorium, HBOI campus</td>
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### 3MT Championship

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<td>Friday, November 18</td>
<td>5:30 - 8:00 p.m.</td>
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To learn more or to get involved, email 3mt@fau.edu, call 561-297-4740, or visit the 3MT website: [fau.edu/graduate/3MT.php](http://fau.edu/graduate/3MT.php)
This Fall 2016, FAU's Graduate College will host the University's inaugural Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) Competition. This exciting opportunity is open to any active FAU graduate student in good academic standing with the University. This competition provides all participants with a unique and invaluable professional development experience and championship winners are awarded research scholarships and awards up to $2,500, with the possibility to win up to $5,500 to support one's graduate research.

WHAT IS 3MT®?

The 3MT® competition celebrates the exciting research conducted by graduate students. Developed by The University of Queensland (UQ), the exercise cultivates students’ academic, presentation, and research communication skills. The competition supports their capacity to effectively explain their research in three minutes, in language appropriate to a non-specialist audience.

COACH

We are seeking faculty, staff, and other professionals willing to serve as (individual and/or group) coaches who have experience with public speaking and student mentoring.

VOLUNTEER

FAU’s 3MT® event will greatly benefit from your help. Volunteer opportunities are available in a variety of areas throughout the Fall 2016 semester as well as for event day logistics during Preliminary Heats and the Final Championship.

Contact Us

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Rules

- A single static PowerPoint slide is permitted. No slide transitions, animations or 'movement' of any description are allowed. The slide is to be presented from the beginning of the oration.
- No additional electronic media (e.g. sound and video files) are permitted.
- No additional props (e.g. costumes, musical instruments, laboratory equipment) are permitted.
- Presentations are limited to 3 minutes maximum and competitors exceeding 3 minutes are disqualified.
- Presentations are to be spoken word (i.e. no poems, raps or songs).
- Presentations are to commence from the stage.
- Presentations are considered to have commenced when a presenter starts their presentation through either movement or speech.
- The decision of the adjudicating panel is final.

Judging Criteria

Comprehension and Content

- Did the presentation provide an understanding of the background to the research question being addressed and its significance?
- Did the presentation clearly describe the key results of the research including conclusions and outcomes?
- Did the presentation follow a clear and logical sequence?
- Was the thesis topic, key results and research significance and outcomes communicated in language appropriate to a non-specialist audience?
- Did the speaker avoid scientific jargon, explain terminology and provide adequate background information to illustrate points?
- 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 and Communication

- 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 PowerPoint slide enhance the presentation - was it clear, legible, and concise?