

Call to participate in the Mandela Three-Minute Thesis (3-MT) Competition

The Three Minute Thesis (3MT) Originated from the university of Queensland (UQ) in Australia. The 3MT competition is a research communication competition that was developed in 2008. In this competition, Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) students are given three minutes to present a compelling oration on their thesis and its significance. The 3MT competition challenges students to consolidate their ideas and research findings so they can be presented concisely to a non-specialist audience.

N.B: Students become eligible to participate in the National 3MT competition once they have participated in the competition at institutional level. Participants should already have collected data and have results to present.

► **Rules of the competition:**

- Presentations are limited to three minutes maximum and competitors exceeding the stipulated time will be disqualified.
- A single static PowerPoint slide is permitted (no slide transitions, animations, or 'movement' of any description; the slide is to be presented from the beginning of the oration).
- No additional electronic media (such as sound and video files) are permitted.
- No additional props (such as costumes, musical instruments, laboratory equipment, and animated backgrounds) are permitted.
- Presentations are to be spoken word (no poems, raps, or songs).
- Presentations are to be made either in person or online.
- Presentations are considered to have commenced when a presenter starts their presentation through movement or speech.
- The decision of the adjudicating panel is final.
- No notes are allowed (this can lead to disqualification).

► **The prices for the Mandela 3MT Competition are as follows:**

- PhD winner: R5 000
- PhD Runner-up: R 3 000
- PhD people's choice: R 1000

Participants are required to submit abstract containing 100 words or less.

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Closing date for the call: 31 July

Information session 20 July at 12:00 noon to be shared closer to the time.

We look forward to your positive response.

