



Coimbra Group 3 Minute Thesis Competition

Call for Participation 2024 Edition

Rules for the Coimbra Group 3MT Competition

In principle, the University of Queensland Rules for videos apply to the Coimbra Group competition and have only been slightly modified for uniformity, comparability and technical simplicity. Please make sure to consult them [here](#).

Recordings from both physical and online competitions will be accepted, provided that the performance is carried out live (even if online) and that the video submitted is not the best version of several recorded ones.

1. 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.
2. No additional electronic media (e.g. sound and video files) are permitted.
3. No additional props (e.g. costumes, musical instruments, laboratory equipment) are permitted.
4. Presentations are limited to 3 minutes maximum and competitors exceeding 3 minutes are disqualified.
5. Presentations are to be spoken word (e.g. no poems, raps or songs).
6. Presentations are to commence from the stage.
7. Presentations are considered to have commenced when a presenter starts their presentation through either movement or speech.
8. The decision of the adjudicating panel is final.
9. Coimbra Group additional rules: videos must be filmed at an institutional live 3MT event, and **not** be a "studio" recording. The presentation by the doctoral researcher must stand for itself: oral introductions at the event shall **not** be included, **nor** any opening credits by the producers.

Judging Criteria

The following criteria shall be applied in the local events, the initial procedure to determine the finalists as well as in the finals.

Comprehension and content:

- Presentation provided clear background and significance to the research question.
- Presentation clearly described the research strategy/design and the results/findings of the research.
- Presentation clearly described the conclusions, outcomes and impact of the research.

Engagement and communication:

- The oration was delivered clearly, and the language was appropriate for a non-specialist audience.
- The PowerPoint slide was well-defined and enhanced the presentation.
- The presenter conveyed enthusiasm for their research and captured and maintained the audience's attention.

In judging the presentations, it should be understood **that scholarly and scientific research is at the core of the activity**. Thus, the findings, results and the evidence for it must play a significant role in the presentation. Mere claims and overstatements of any kind regarding the scientific findings and their consequences or relevance must be avoided.

Eligibility

The 3MT is about **communicating research results**, not mere research plans. Therefore, active doctoral researchers (i.e. prior to thesis defense, no graduates) are eligible to participate if and only if they have already achieved substantial research results that can and have to be presented in the presentation. Thus the target group most likely consists of **doctoral candidates in the last year of their thesis**. Graduates are not eligible.

Presentations not reporting tangible results will be excluded from participation by the technical committee.

How to submit your entry for the Coimbra Group 2024 3MT Competition

Videos should be accompanied by:

- **The contestant's 3MT slide (illustrating the talk)**
- **A cover slide containing (mandatory):**
 - ✓ the name of the University
 - ✓ the name of the contestant
 - ✓ the title of the presentation
 - ✓ the research area
 - ✓ the contestant's email address

Prizes

Coimbra Group will award a total prize pool of € 5 000 at the 2024 live final as follows:

- € 2 000 will be provided to the winner of the final
- € 1 500 prizes for the two runner ups

Timeline

29 March 2024	Deadline for submitting video entries for the Coimbra Group Final
8 - 19 April 2024	Coimbra Group Universities to vote for the top 3 entries
6 June 2024	Coimbra Group live final to take place in Turku with the three finalists

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