



RESEARCH INSTITUTE: 3 MINUTE THESIS (3MT®) (FOR PhD STUDENTS)

What is it?

The three minute thesis (3MT®) celebrates the exciting research conducted by Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) students. Developed by The University of Queensland (UQ), the 3MT cultivates students' academic, presentation and research communication skills.

PhD students have three minutes to present a compelling summary oration on their thesis topic and its significance. The Research Institute: 3 Minute Thesis session is based on the premise that the capacity to present a clear, concise and engaging description of research is an essential skill that all graduate researchers should develop.

In order to be a part of this session, PhD students must submit an abstract of their research for review and consideration in the WFOT Congress programme.

Why participate?

- It is always a good idea to be prepared for the inevitable question from family, friends and potential employers, “So what is your thesis about?” They usually want to hear the short version.
- It provides an invaluable opportunity to practise your communication skills in a supportive environment.
- Develop your skills, build confidence and improve your public speaking.
- Demystify your research to a broad audience.
- Begin building your public profile.
- Excellent networking and professional development opportunity.
- It's fun and generates interest in what you are doing!
- Two generous prizes on offer for:
 - **Best Research as awarded by a panel of judges** (*judges decision is final*)
Presentations will be judged on the basis of two criteria:
Comprehension and Content *and* Engagement and Communication
 - **Community supported Best Research as awarded by people's choice**

Who is eligible to make a submission?

Presenters must be active PhD candidates (including candidates whose thesis is under submission) and must show evidence of status at time of abstract submission. Must be student by the date of the Congress. Graduates are not eligible.

How to submit

Eligible students are asked to submit an abstract of their research. All submissions must be made via the online portal as provided on the Congress website by the 17 March 2021 according to the submission guidelines provided.

Hard copy submissions will NOT be accepted.

Please review the submission guidelines as well as the terms and conditions on the Congress website for further information on submitting an abstract for the Research Institute: 3 Minute Thesis session.

Examples of 3 minute thesis presentations from around the world:

<https://threeminutethesis.uq.edu.au/watch-3mt>

Information sourced from The University of Queensland, La Trobe University, Deakin University and The University of Melbourne.