

## **Rules and guidelines**

### **Virtual 3MT competition**

#### **Eligibility**

Applicants should be active MPhil / PhD / DBA candidates or 2-year full-time master's degree candidate who has conducted a substantial amount of research for the completion the thesis (Including candidates whose thesis is under submission) and have sufficient findings to present for the completion of the thesis. Students who have submitted a thesis for examination, but have not yet been awarded, are also eligible.

Competitors should be specializing in one of the following themes:

- Open and Distance Learning
- English Language Teaching
- Education
- Engineering and Technology
- Health Sciences
- Life Sciences – Biological Sciences, Agriculture, Forestry
- Physical Sciences
- Environmental Sciences
- Humanities and Social Sciences
- Management
- Law

#### **Virtual Competition Rules**

1. Presentations are limited to 3 minutes and competitors exceeding 3 minutes are disqualified.
2. 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 competitor starts speaking, not the start of the video). Videos must meet the following criteria:
  - Filmed on the horizontal.
  - 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.

- A single static slide is permitted in the presentation (no slide transitions, animations, or 'movement' of any description). This can be visible continuously, or 'cut to' (as many times as you like) for a maximum of 1 minute or submitted via email if not included in the presentation.
  - The 3-minute audio must be continuous – no sound edits or breaks.
  - 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).
  - No additional electronic media (e.g., sound and video files) are permitted within the video recording.
3. The decision of the adjudicating panel is final.
  4. Submissions via MP4 format only. Files sent in other formats will not be accepted (Submissions can utilize Zoom Meetings recording feature or use MS PowerPoint for example).

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