University of Miami
Information Session
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WELCOME

• What is Three Minute Thesis or 3MT®?
• Why participate?
• Details and Timeline
WHAT IS THE THREE MINUTE THESIS OR 3MT®?
• Developed by University of Queensland in Australia
• Many universities participate across U.S. and world
• Graduate students present thesis or dissertation to a multi-disciplinary audience
  • In less than 3 minutes
  • Using 1 PowerPoint slide
• Participants across schools and departments
• University of Miami’s 3MT Website
  https://3mt.grad.miami.edu/competition/index.html

• Information

• Videos of 2017 - 2020 competitors
WHY PARTICIPATE?
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• Strengthen academic & presentation skills
• Synthesize information into key points
• Communicate with different audiences
• Public speaking

• Prepare “job talks”, “elevator speech”
WHY PARTICIPATE?

• Connect with others across departments & promote interdisciplinary work

• Monetary awards
  • 1st place $750
  • Runner-up $350

• Possibility to represent UM at State and National 3MT Competitions in Spring and Summer 2021
WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

• Active graduate student in good academic standing
• During Spring 2021, enrolled in a doctoral or master's degree program that requires an ETD or Electronic Thesis and Dissertation
• Admitted to Candidacy (doctoral students only)
• Sufficiently advanced in their thesis/dissertation by the end of the Fall 2020 semester to be able to discuss the findings and implications of their work
WHO JUDGES?

• Panel of distinguished judges
• Across disciplines
• Within and outside the University
WHAT IS BEING JUDGED?

• Comprehension & Content
  • Clear and logical sequence
  • Understandable to non-specialists

• Engagement & Communication
  • Capturing audience attention
  • Slide enhancing presentation
THE UM 3MT EVENT 2021

• Will be held in February 4th, 2021
• Competitors in person, with social distancing
• Audience will watch online
• Event Agenda
  1. Competition
  2. Networking in Zoom Breakout Rooms
  3. Announcement of winners
**TIMELINE**

- Information Session Today!
  - Register by October 9, 2020

- Competitors Selected by November 20, 2020
  One Competitor per School**

- Preparation Session at the Graduate School
  December 7, 2020

- Submit written talk & slide to Grad School
  by January 15, 2021
  - Practice oral presentation with Toppel - Weeks of January 18 & 25, 2021

- 3MT® Competition
  February 4, 2021

**During Fall semester, Schools or Colleges may have their own 3MT competitions, qualifying rounds or interviews to select the candidate who will compete on behalf of the School.**
NEXT STEPS

• Register to compete now

• Stay alert to emails from the Graduate School and your School or College about qualifying rounds or local 3MT

• Spread the word!

• Send questions to: tperrino@miami.edu
APPLY TO COMPETE
BY 10/09/20

Apply to compete at the following link:

https://3mt.grad.miami.edu/become-a-competitor/index.html
PREPARING YOUR 3MT

- **Preparation Session** for finalists offered by Graduate School: **December 7, 2020**
  - Synthesizing your research into key messages
  - Tips and strategies

- **Resources**
  - **Writing your 3-minute talk:** UM Writing Center, April Mann
    [http://www.as.miami.edu/writingcenter/](http://www.as.miami.edu/writingcenter/)
  - **Practice your oral presentation:** Toppel Career Services, Ismaris Ocasio, Carlie Smith
    [https://hireacane.miami.edu/explore/advising/index.html](https://hireacane.miami.edu/explore/advising/index.html)
  - **Prepare an amazing slide:** Richter Library Creative Studio Chase Bartholomew
    [https://www.library.miami.edu/creative-studio/index.html](https://www.library.miami.edu/creative-studio/index.html)

- Practice your 3-Minute Thesis
QUESTIONS?