Instructions for Presenters

3MT Competition

The rules and judging criteria for the AARES 3 Minute Thesis (3MT) competition are based on those devised by the University of Queensland. Further information and tips can be found at http://threeminutethesis.org/

Competition Format and Timing

The 3MT competition will be held in **two rounds** during the lunch break on Thursday, 12th February 2026.

Round 1: Pre-selection

- **Start time:** 1:00 pm

- **Format:** Three concurrent sessions

- **Rooms:** Riverbank 2, Riverbank 3, and Riverbank 4

- **Judging:** Each room will have a panel of **two judges**

- **Outcome:** One best presentation **from each room** will be selected for the final round

Round 2: Final

- **Start time:** 1:30 pm

- **Participants:** 3 finalists (one from each pre-selection room)

- **Rooms: Riverbank 5**

- **Judging:** A **separate panel of two judges** will decide the overall winner and the runners-up of the 3MT competition

Rules

- 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.

- Presentation slides will be preloaded

- No additional electronic media (e.g. sound and video files) are permitted.

- No additional props (e.g. costumes, musical instruments, laboratory equipment) are permitted.

- Presentations are limited to 3 minutes maximum and competitors exceeding 3 minutes are disqualified.

- A bell will be rung at 3 minutes, at which point the presenter must stop speaking and leave the stage immediately. The next presenter will begin straight away.

- Presentations are to be spoken word (eg. no poems, raps or songs).

- Presentations are to commence from the stage.

- Presentations are considered to have commenced when a presenter starts their presentation through either movement or speech.

- The winner (and two runners-up) will be announced at the closing ceremony of the conference. The winner will receive a $300 prize, and the two runners-up will receive $150 each.

- The decision of the adjudicating panel is final.

Judging criteria

The winner will be chosen based on the following judging criteria:

Comprehension & Content

- Did the presentation provide an understanding of the background to the research question being addressed and its significance?

- Did the presentation clearly describe the key results of the research including conclusions and outcomes?

- Did the presentation follow a clear and logical sequence?

- Was the thesis topic, key results and research significance and outcomes communicated in language appropriate to a non-specialist audience?

- Did the speaker avoid scientific jargon, explain terminology and provide adequate background information to illustrate points?

- Did the presenter spend adequate time on each element of their presentation - or did they elaborate for too long on one aspect or was the presentation rushed?

Engagement & Communication

- Did the oration make the audience want to know more?

- Was the presenter careful not to trivialise or generalise their research?

- Did the presenter convey enthusiasm for their research?

- Did the presenter capture and maintain their audience's attention?

- Did the speaker have sufficient stage presence, eye contact and vocal range; maintain a steady pace, and have a confident stance?

- Did the PowerPoint slide enhance the presentation - was it clear, legible, and concise?

Pre-selection round

#	First Name	Last Name	Primary Organisation	Room	Time
1	Asgiri	Jayasekara	Adelaide University	Riverbank R2	13:00
2	Bareerah	Fatima	University of Canberra	Riverbank R2	13:03
3	Diah Fitria	Widhiningsih	The University of Queensland	Riverbank R2	13:06
4	Dilini	Perera	Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute,Sri Lanka	Riverbank R2	13:09
5	Emma	Scaife	University of Western Australia	Riverbank R2	13:12
6	Erandi Inoka Udaya Kumari	Kalehe Kankanamge	Massey University	Riverbank R2	13:15
7	Gouri	Mondal	University of Melbourne	Riverbank R2	13:18
8	Hery	Toiba	Brawijaya University	Riverbank R2	13:21
9	IQBAL SALEH	SITOMPUL	The University of Queensland	Riverbank R2	13:24
10	Joaquina	da Costa Barreto Sarmento	AI-Com	Riverbank R2	13:27
11	juyin	zhu		Riverbank R3	13:00
12	Kathleen Mae	Valencia		Riverbank R3	13:03
13	Mackenzie	Coopman		Riverbank R3	13:06
14	Mallika	Roy	Central Queensland University, Australia	Riverbank R3	13:09
15	Maura Zhafira	Putri	Centre For Sustainable Food Systems	Riverbank R3	13:12
16	Mubeen	Rehman	The University of Adelaide	Riverbank R3	13:15
17	Nisrina	Qotrunnada	The University of Queensland	Riverbank R3	13:18
18	NOBINKHOR	KUNDU	Massey University	Riverbank R3	13:21
19	Prakshal	Jain	Indian Institute of Management, Indore, India	Riverbank R3	13:24
20	Sara	Tavares	USP	Riverbank R3	13:27
21	Sauda Afrin	Anny	University of Queensland	Riverbank R4	13:00
22	Songze	Qu	University of Sydney	Riverbank R4	13:03
23	Sri	Lestari	Australian National University	Riverbank R4	13:06
24	Stevens	Azima	University of Vermont	Riverbank R4	13:09
25	Valerio	Ximenes	Ministry of Agriculture Livestock Forestry and Fishery	Riverbank R4	13:15
26	Walter	Pangan	Virginia Tech University	Riverbank R4	13:18
27	YAO	CHEN	College of Economics and Management, Huazhong Agricultural University	Riverbank R4	13:21
28	Yu	Sheng	Australian National University	Riverbank R4	13:24
29	Yue	Chen	University of Western Australia	Riverbank R4	13:27