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Information about your preparing a 3MT: Your three-minute presentation should communicate the importance of your research and its significance in a clear and compelling way to a non-specialist audience.

Your self-made video that you submit for the 2021 competition is not expected to be professionally produced. You can create your three minute video using your computer, your phone, or you can use a [One Button Studio](#) located on campus.

Judges will not evaluate the quality of the video. They will only evaluate the presentation, the presenter, and the slide.

The 3MT video must be prepared with no edits. The 3MT slide must be a single static slide. If written, a three-minute talk is typically about one page, double spaced.

How can I get help with preparing a 3MT? The Graduate School offers workshops which are listed on our [3MT Webpage](#). Also, you can make an appointment with the [Graduate School Writing Center](#) for feedback and guidance on your 3MT.

Information about preparing a 3MT slide: The slide compliments the 3MT presentation by helping to illustrate points made by the presenter. The slide should not add new information and it should not be overly complicated.

Do I need to embed my slide into my video? No, your slide does not need to be embedded into your video. You will be asked to submit your video and your slide as two separate files.

How do I submit my 3MT Video and Slide? When you register to participate by February 22, you will receive detailed instructions about how to submit your three-minute video and your slide (two separate files).

Who is eligible to compete in the 3MT Competition? Master's students who are doing a research thesis, pre-candidacy doctoral students, and post-candidacy doctoral students.

Do I need to have results? If you do not have results, you can still compete in the UMD 3MT competition. Outlining your plan, your hypotheses, etc. will be fine.

How will the competition work? There will be two rounds. The first-round will be at the college-level. Winners of the college-level competitions will advance as semi-finalists to the final-round. College-level 3MT Contacts can be found on the [3MT webpage](#).

First-round college-level competitions have been asked to provide students with feedback.

What are the prizes? Each College-level competition can name up to 4 winners to advance the final round. Prize amounts will vary according to college.

The Campus-level Final-round prize will name up to 6 winners. Each Campus level 3MT winner will receive a \$1,000 prize and may be nominated to compete in other 3MT competitions outside the university.

How will the 3MT be judged? The UMD 3MT Competition has established judging criteria based on University of Queensland's 3MT rules. Please consult page 2 of the [3MT guidelines](#).

Important Dates: Please check the [3MT guidelines](#) for important dates and deadlines.