Queen’s University
School of Graduate Studies
Three Minute Thesis

Information Session

13th & 20th February 2014
4pm start
Welcome to 3MT

- Introductions
- 3MT Presentation Skills Workshop
- Format & rules of the competition
- Order of presentations in each heat.
- Reminders
Competition History

• The Three Minute Thesis (3MT™) is a skills development activity which challenges Research Higher Degree students to explain their research project to a non-specialist audience in just three minutes.

• Developed by The University of Queensland (UQ) in 2008, enthusiasm for the 3MT concept and its adoption in numerous universities led to the development of an international competition in 2010.

• Queen’s is the first Ontario University to host this competition

• Queen’s also hosted the inaugural Ontario 3MT competition in 2013.
3MT Presentation Skills Workshop

By Caleigh Minshall
Learning Strategies

25th February
4pm – 6pm, Jeffrey Hall, room 234
Rules

• Single, static PowerPoint slide is permitted (no slide transitions, animations or movement of any description are permitted).

• No additional electronic media (e.g. sound or video files) are permitted.

• No props (e.g. costumes, instruments, note cards, pointers) are permitted.

• Presentations are limited to 3 minutes maximum. Competitors exceeding 3 minutes will be disqualified.

• The decision of the judging panel is final.
Layout of stage

- Where to Stand!
- Video capture
- Microphone
- One slide only
Presentation Timing

- Introductions – 1 minute or less
- 3 minutes start when...
- 30 second warning
- Bell at end of 3 minutes
- Depart the stage
- Next!
Intro slide for each participant. Eg.

Colette Steer

Program: Australianna

Supervisor: Anyone who will listen!

Title: “The Effects of Winging it – part 3”
Winging It!

“To say or do something without preparation, forethought, or sufficient information or experience; improvise”
Judging Criteria

• **Communication Style** – was the thesis topic and its significance communicated in language appropriate to an intelligent but non-specialist audience?

• **Comprehension** – did the presentation help the audience understand the research?

• **Engagement** – did the oration make the audience want to know more?
### Judging Panel

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Consisting of a combination of faculty, staff, alumni and community.
Scoring

• Each judge will give you a score out of 10 for each of the 3 criteria to a maximum of 30 points.

• Results from each judge are collated.

• Should there be a tie, then the scores from the tie breaker judge for those participants in the tie only, will come into play.

• Judges will score both electronically and hard copy
People’s Choice

• For those spectators with a mobile device, they will be able to score for their favourite presenter at the end of the heat.
• Those without a mobile device we will have a paper voting slip.
• They will score their top 3 with 1 being the best and then pass their ballot paper to the volunteer.
• Scoring is based the same as for judges:
  – **Communication Style** – was the thesis topic and its significance communicated in language appropriate to an intelligent but non-specialist audience?
  – **Comprehension** – did the presentation help you understand the research?
  – **Engagement** – did the oration make you want to know more?
Results

• Top 3 presenters + People’s Choice winner from each heat go into the final, along with one wildcard entry selected by the SGS
• Heat Prizes & People’s Choice awards generously donated by the Campus Bookstore.
• Finals places will be – winner, runner up, people’s choice
• Final prizes for the winner & runner up from the School of Graduate Studies.
• Final People’s Choice Award generously donated by the Campus Computer Store
• Winner will represent Queen’s at the Ontario 3MT Competition, at McMaster University on 24th April
Photo session
• All participants of the heat – as a group and individual
• Top 3 of each heat (with their prizes) & Peoples choice
• Finals – all plus, winner, runner up, peoples choice, judges.

Writer
• Student writer, may ask you for some comments.
Draw within each Heat - Who goes when?

Will be advised closer to the date
Reminders

• Register via Moodle for a heat, download and complete the form. Consult with your supervisor to confirm your eligibility.

• Presentation slide and titles due 21st March at the latest (email)

• Arrive at heat, 30 minutes prior to start time for final instructions

• Competition venue for the 3 Heats – Walter Light Auditorium

• Competition venue for the final – Kinesiology 101

• Encourage your friends, supervisor, program staff & faculty and family to come along. Remember there is also a “People’s Choice Award”
Thank you for attending! 😊

Walter Light Auditorium
• Heat 1 – Thursday 27th March, 2pm
• Heat 2 – Thursday 27th March, 4pm start
• Heat 3 – Friday 28th March, 9am start

Kinesiology 101
• Final – Wednesday 9th April, 5pm start