AN 80,000 WORD THESIS WOULD TAKE 9 HOURS TO PRESENT.
YOUR TIME LIMIT.... 3 MINUTES.

THREE MINUTE THESIS COMPETITION

March 27, 2020
Driscoll Hall Room 134
5:00 PM
Information Session
Session Overview

• 3MT 3 W’s: What? Where? Why?
• Example winning presentations
• Eligibility
• Rules & Regulations
• What will I win?
• How do I participate?
• How can I win?
• Timeline
What is 3MT?

• Research **communication** competition

• *Three minutes to compellingly present a piece of your research to a general audience*

• History
  – Developed by the University of Queensland – Australia
  – From drought to dynamic engagement
  – First UQ Competition in 2008
Where is 3MT?

• EVERYWHERE!

• Today 3MT is a global competition
  – Hosted at over 900 colleges and universities across over 85 countries
  – Local → Regional → National → International Competitions

• On March 27th at 5pm it arrives at Villanova with our inaugural competition
Why 3MT?

- $$$
- Professional and Academic Skill Development
- Building research and professional culture in Grad CLAS
- Building external relations
- Connecting with the general public
Three-minute PhD dissertation seminar at the United Nations

1 May 2019

The Development Research Branch, in partnership with Columbia University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, hosted a unique Development Policy Seminar featuring the inaugural Ivy three-minute thesis competition in New York. Dubbed as IVY3MT2019, the event provided a platform to 14 PhD candidates from Brown University, Columbia University, Cornell University, Dartmouth College, Princeton University, University of Pennsylvania and Yale University to present their PhD dissertation ideas and key
Observations?
Eligibility

• Graduate students in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
• Must have a thesis, dissertation or research paper that reflects research that you conducted and is sufficiently complete to present
• Open to campus and online students
• Must comply with all rules and submission requirements
Rules & Regulations

• Only a single static PowerPoint slide is permitted
  – No additional electronic media
  – No additional props
• Presentations are limited to 3 minutes maximum and competitors exceeding 3 minutes are disqualified.
• Presentations are to be spoken word
• Presentations are to commence from the stage.
• Timing starts at first movement or utterance.
Prizes

• First Place Winner
  – $1,000 Cash Award
  – Trip to Quebec City, Quebec to represent Villanova at the Northeast Regional 3MT Competition on April 16th

• Second Place Runner-up
  – $500 Cash Award
  – Will represent Villanova at the Regional 3MT Competition if the winner is unable to attend

• Audience Choice Award
  – $250 Cash Award
  – Bring your friends!
  – Independent of top finishers (double-dip!)
I am convinced!

How do I participate?
Three Minute Thesis (3MT®)

What is a 3MT® competition?

Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) is a competition for master’s and doctoral students to develop and showcase their research communication skills. Developed by The University of Queensland (UQ), 3MT® cultivates students’ academic, professional, presentation and research communication skills. To be successful, competitors must effectively explain their research in three minutes, in a language appropriate to a non-specialist audience.

This year, Villanova will be hosting its inaugural 3MT® competition on Friday, March 27, 2020, in Driscoll 134 at 5:00 p.m.

A panel of judges will select a first-place winner ($1,000 award), a second-place winner ($500 award), and audience members in attendance will select an audience choice winner ($250 award). In addition, the first place winner of Villanova’s 3MT® competition will be entered into the regional 3MT® competition for the Northeastern Association of Graduate Schools, taking place in Quebec City, Quebec, on April 16, 2020.

How do I enter the competition?

All students will first submit a self-recorded video of their presentation according to the timeline listed below. All video submissions will be reviewed and all finalists who are invited to present live at the final competition on March 27 will be notified by March 13. See below for specific submission details and submission form button.

What are the 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. For the initial video submission, the PowerPoint slide can be attached as a file along with the video recording of the oration.
- 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 three minutes maximum and competitors exceeding three minutes are disqualified.
Student Name: 

Student Banner ID: 

Student E-mail: 

Please select your CLAS Graduate Studies program: 

Topic of 3MT Submission: 

Video URL: 

OneDrive or YouTube URL 

Presentation Slide Upload: 

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Each submission is permitted one slide to accompany video. 

Please briefly describe how your 3MT® submission fits in with your graduate experience at Villanova? In other words, was this research conducted as part of a specific course, thesis, dissertation, or other?
Judging Criteria

• Both the online video submissions and the live presentations will be judged by two criteria:
  1. Comprehension & Content
  2. Engagement & Communication

• The online video submissions will be evaluated by a panel of experienced public speaking teachers from the Communication Department

• The live presentations will be evaluated by a celebrity panel

• The decision of the adjudicating panel is final.
### PRESENTER:

### PROGRAM:

### 3MT TITLE:

### CATEGORY 1: COMPREHENSION AND CONTENT

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### TOTAL SCORE
Finalists

• The top 9 online video submissions will be invited to participate in the live 3MT event on March 27 in Driscoll room 134 at 5pm.

• Notification will be on or about March 13th

• Word of the event will be spread far and wide but finalists are especially encouraged to invite their friends to boost the chances of winning the audience choice award.
Winning Tips

• To be successful, you want to focus on three areas:
  – Drafting your presentation
  – Preparing your slide
  – Honing your presentation
Drafting a Winning 3MT Talk

• Write for your audience
• Tell a story
• Have a clear outcome in mind
• REVISE
PowerPoint 101

• Know the rules

• Follow these suggestions
  – Less is more
  – Personal touches
  – Creativity drives interest
  – Work your message
  – Make sure the slide is legible, clear and concise
Showtime!

- Practice, practice, practice
- Vocal range
- Body language
- Record yourself
- Look to the stars
- Dress
The Best Tip for Success: CSP

• Villanova’s Center for Speaking and Presentation (CSP) is your best resource
• CSP recommends setting up several sessions
  – Drafting
  – Slide preparation
  – Rehearsals
• Appointments can be made online: https://villanova.mywconline.com
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Questions?