

## East Foundation Three Minute Thesis Rules and Judging Criteria

1. A single static PowerPoint slide is permitted. No slide transitions, animations, or movement of any kind. The slide is to be presented from the beginning of the oration.
2. Additional electronic media (e.g., sound and video files) are not permitted.
3. Additional props (e.g., costumes, musical instruments, laboratory equipment) are not permitted.
4. Presentations are limited to three minutes. Presentations exceeding three minutes are subject to disqualification at the discretion of the judges.
5. Presentations are to be spoken word (e.g., no poems, raps or songs).
6. Presentations are to commence from the stage.
7. Presentations are considered to have commenced when a presenter starts their presentation through movement or speech.
8. The decision of the judges is final.

Each of the three judging criteria have equal weight and all emphasize audience understanding. The 3MT audience consists of peers, colleagues, university faculty, the East Foundation Professional Advisors Group, East Foundation staff, and other invited guests.

1. Communication Style – Was the thesis topic and its significance communicated in language appropriate to an intelligent but non-specialist audience?
2. Comprehension – Did the presentation help the audience understand the research?
3. Engagement – Did the presentation make the audience want to know more?

For additional resources see the [3MT® Competitor Guide](#) from the University of Queensland.