



Preliminary Heats

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Council Chambers (Room 270)
2nd Floor, Student Union Building
6136 University Ave, Halifax



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About 3MT

What is Three Minute Thesis?

The Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) is a skills development activity that challenges graduate students in research-based programs to explain their thesis or project to a non-specialist audience in just three minutes.

What are the rules?

- A single static slide is permitted, presented from the beginning of the oration.
- No additional electronic media or props are permitted.
- Presentations are to be spoken word.
- Presentations have commenced when the presenter starts their presentation through movement or speech.
- Presentations are 3 minutes and competitors exceeding 3 minutes are disqualified.
- The decision of the adjudicating panel is final.

What are the prizes?

3MT heat participants who move forward in the competition will have the chance to win the following prizes during the finals:

- **First place:** \$1,000 and the opportunity to represent Dalhousie at the Eastern Regional 3MT Competition
- **Second place:** \$500
- **Third place:** \$250
- **People's Choice Award:** \$500 (in addition to any other prize money received)

Judging criteria

What are the judges looking for?

At every level of the competition, each competitor will be assessed on the judging criteria listed below. Each criterion is equally weighted and has an emphasis on audience.

Comprehension and content

- Presentation provided clear motivation, background, and significance to the research question;
- Presentation clearly described the research strategy/design and the results/findings of the research; and
- Presentation clearly described the conclusions, outcomes and impact of the research.

Engagement and communication

- The oration was delivered clearly, and the language was appropriate for a non-specialist audience;
- The PowerPoint slide was well-defined and enhanced the presentation; and
- The presenter conveyed enthusiasm for their research and captured and maintained the audience's attention.

Schedule of competitors

Heats 1 & 2 | 9 to 11 a.m.

- 1** | **Bimpe Ayoola**, Computer Science
Caitlin McCavour, Plant, Food, and Environmental Sciences
Daiane Manholer, Oceanography
Fatemeh Mahdizadehkarizaki, Health
Judith Asare, Mathematics and Statistics
Madeline Kwan, Health and Human Performance
Yosr Khadrani, Engineering, Agricultural Campus
- 2** | **Ebube Thelma Sunny-Ekhalume**, Electrical and Computer Engineering
Jacob Foster, Animal Science and Aquaculture
Jasmine Friedrich Yap, Physiotherapy
Kaho Matsushita, Engineering
Ghislain d'Entremont, Community Health and Epidemiology
Sara Evans, Chemistry
Sheida Majouni, Computer Science
Katherine Ritchie, History
Tamar Gazit, Psychiatry

Heats 3 & 4 | 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- 3** | **Alexa Wilson**, Microbiology and Immunology
Alvine Manda-Tchonlla, Civil and Environmental Engineering
Chris Consmueller, Kinesiology
Kappeeran Venkatesan, Plant, Food, and Environmental Sciences
Naomi Lewis, Civil and Resource Engineering
Sharon Vogel, English
Wali Khan, Medical Neuroscience

Schedule of competitors

- 4 | **Isabella Pagotto**, Kinesiology
Keshava Pallavi Gone, IDPhD Management
Joshua Ojile, Medical Neuroscience
Shubhangi Mahato, Computer Science
Timothy Power, Mathematics and Statistics

Heats 5 & 6 | 1 to 3 p.m.

- 5 | **Ahmed Ramadan**, Biomedical Engineering
Anita Shahzadi, Physiotherapy
Arezoo Mojbafan, Health
Koushika Kumaresan, Plant, Food, and Environmental Sciences
Loveth Ovedje, Law
Reshma Joseph, Economics
Laith AlHadeed, Medical Neuroscience
Sophie Inkpen, Kinesiology
- 6 | **Angelisa Osmond**, Animal Science and Aquaculture
Michael Ibekaku, Physiotherapy
Jennifer Barth, Medicine
Joseph Barss, Mathematics and Statistics
Emily McLean, School for Resource and Environmental Studies
Siddharth Rajan, Electrical and Computer Engineering
Cédric Blais, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Schedule of judges

Heats 1 & 2 | 9 to 11 a.m.

Wendy Weckworth, Medical Research Development Office

Mary-Eleanor Power, Faculty of Open Learning and Career Development

Muhammad Usman Asad, Career Development

Olivier Valentin, School of Communication Sciences and Disorders

Janice MacDonald Eddington, Writing Centre

Heats 3 & 4 | 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Timi Idris, Global Health Office

Ann Griffiths, Political Science

Alicia Kirk, People and Culture

Jaclyn Chambers Page, University Libraries

Heats 5 & 6 | 1 to 3 p.m.

Joy Liu, Ocean Tracking Network

Kaitlin Burek, Career Services

Lucija Prelovec, Faculty of Science, Dean's Office

Danielle Andres, Office of Research Services

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Previous Finalists as Coaches

Dina Rogers (MSc, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology)

Eniko Zsoldos (PhD Candidate, Chemistry)

Join us for the 3MT Finals!

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

6 to 8 p.m. | Reception included

McInnes Room

2nd Floor, Student Union Building

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Free admission • All are welcome!

