

# **Guidelines for the 3MT (Three Minute Thesis) Competition**

## **Jointly organized Jaffna Science Association – Section B and Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Jaffna.**

### **Purpose**

The 3MT competition encourages students to present their research or research proposals in just three minutes, in a way that is engaging and understandable to a non-specialist audience. This helps develop academic, presentation, and research communication skills.

### **Who Can Participate?**

- Students currently enrolled in MPhil or PhD programs.
- Students who have initiated, are conducting, or are at the proposal stage of their research are welcome.
- Graduates who have completed after June 2024

### **Stage 1: Abstract Submission & Screening**

- All participants must submit a **250–300-word abstract** summarizing their research or research proposal.
- Abstracts will be screened by a **technical review panel**.
- Selected candidates will be invited to participate in the **Preliminary Round** of the 3MT presentation.

### **Stage 2: Preliminary 3MT Presentation**

- Selected participants will deliver a 3-minute presentation using **one static PowerPoint slide** (no animations or transitions).
- Presentations will be evaluated by a panel of judges based on:
  - Clarity of research
  - Engagement with the audience
  - Communication skills
  - Adherence to time
- Top candidates from this round will be selected for the **Final Round**.

### **Stage 3: Final Round – Public Presentation**

- Finalists will present in front of a **panel of judges and a general audience**.
- A separate **People's Choice Award** will be based on audience voting.

### **Awards and Recognition**

- **Gold Medal**
- **Silver Medal**
- **Bronze Medal**
- **People's Choice Award**

 The **Gold Medallist** and **People's Choice Awardee** will be invited to present their 3MT during the **JSA Annual Session Award Ceremony**.

## **General Rules**

- Only **one PowerPoint slide** is allowed (no video/audio/animations).
- Presentation time must not exceed **3 minutes**.
- Notes or props are not permitted during the presentation.
- All presentations must be in **English**.

## **How to Apply**

Submit your abstract via email [sectionb.appliedsciences@gmail.com](mailto:sectionb.appliedsciences@gmail.com) on or before **30.10.2025**.

Details regarding the schedule and venue of the preliminary and final rounds will be communicated to shortlisted candidates.

## **For Inquiries**

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