



Jaffna Science Association – Section B

Guidelines for the Spark Talks Competition



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?

- Final-year students are currently conducting a research project.
- Students at the proposal stage of their final-year project are also eligible.
- Undergraduate who graduated after June 2024.



Stage 1: Abstract Submission & Screening

- All participants must submit 250 words **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 on or before **30.10.2025**.

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

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