



**2024**

# **UPM** **3MT** *THREE MINUTES THESIS* **Competition.**

**FACULTY/SCHOOL/INSTITUTE LEVEL**

**19 FEB - 19 MAR 2024**

**HEATS AND UNIVERSITY FINALS**

**26 MAR 2024**



## WHAT IS 3MT?

The Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) 3MT competition cultivates students' academic, presentation, and research communication skills. The Australia-found competition is now being held annually in universities across Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia, and many other countries.

3MT requires you to describe and explain your thesis succinctly within three minutes in a language that is accessible to an intelligent lay audience. This provides you with a great opportunity to practise your presentation skills, evaluate and devise a way to communicate the significance of your research (in simple terms) for the interested group of audience. Towards preparing for your viva, you might have people asking about the gist of your research- 3MT challenges you to articulate a brief yet coherent response in such situations. Such skills are greatly useful when it comes to securing job interviews or academic conversations.

## ELIGIBILITY

- PhD by Research students who have successfully passed their proposal defence (have not attended viva-voce).
- PhD by Research students whose study status is still ACTIVE (Continue, Defer, Dropped-1 semester only and Thesis Submitted).
- PhD (by Coursework and Mixed Mode) and Master's students are not eligible to compete.

## RULES AND REGULATION

- Presentations are limited to 3 minutes and competitors exceeding 3 minutes will be disqualified.
- Presentations are considered to have commenced when a presenter starts his/her presentation through speech (timing does not include the 3MT title slide and commences from when the competitor starts speaking).
- A single static slide is permitted in the presentation. This can be visible continuously, or 'cut to' for a maximum of 1 minute.
- No additional props (e.g. costumes, musical instruments, laboratory equipment and animated backgrounds) are permitted during the presentation.
- Presentations are to be spoken word (e.g. no poems, raps, or songs).
- No additional electronic media (e.g. sound and video files) are permitted during the presentation.
- The decision of the adjudicating panel is final.



## JUDGING CRITERIA

The judging panel will be looking for:

### 1. *Comprehension & Content*

- Presentation provided clear 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.

### 2. *Engagement & 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.

## PRIZES FOR FINAL COMPETITION



**WINNER**

**RM 1000.00**



**RUNNER-UP**

**RM 800.00**



**2ND RUNNER-UP**

**RM 600.00**



**PEOPLE'S CHOICE**

**RM 100.00**

People's Choice Award - Following all presentations, the audience is asked to vote on **ONE (1)** presenter who they find, gave the most convincing 3MT presentation (based on their understanding of the criteria outline above). The voting processes will be facilitated by the 3MT Secretariat. Any of the competing finalist has the chance of winning the People's Choice award, as it is an award based solely on audiences' votes.



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## PROGRAMMES

### **2024 UPM 3MT Competition (Heats)**

- 08.00 am : Participants Arrival and Registration
- 08.30 am : Judges' Arrival and Adjudication Briefing
- 09.00 am : First Session of Adjudication
- 10.20 am : Short Break
- 10.30 am : Second Session of Adjudication
- 12.00 pm : Judges' Deliberation
- 12.30 pm : Closing Remarks by The Head of The Judging Panel
- 12.45 pm : Announcement of Top 12 Finalists
- 12.55 pm : Photo session/ Break

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### **2024 UPM 3MT Competition (Final)**

- 02.15 pm : Finalists' and judges' registration
  - Adjudication briefing
- 02.45 pm : The arrival of:
  - Guests of honour
- 03.00 pm : Opening speech by Deputy Dean School of Graduate Studies (Thesis, Student Affairs and Media)
- 03.10 pm : Competition begins (12 participants)
  - : Judges' deliberation
  - : Closing remarks by head of judging panel
  - : Announcement of results
  - : Photo session
- 05.00 pm : End of program