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**3MT**<sup>®</sup> **THREE  
MINUTE  
THESIS**  
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# **2025 UPM** **3 MINUTES** **THESIS** COMPETITION



**FACULTY/SCHOOL/INSTITUTE LEVEL**

**21st** February 2025 - **21st** March 2025

**HEATS AND UNIVERSITY FINALS**

**09th** April 2025



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## 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.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 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.

## 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.



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## 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



**RM 100.00**  
PEOPLE'S CHOICE  
AWARD



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## PROGRAMMES TENTATIVE

### ***2025 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

### ***2025 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 Development)
- 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