



## **UM 3MT® 2019 COMPETITION RULES & GUIDELINES**

### **UM3MT**

- UM 3MT® (University of Malaya Three Minute Thesis) is a University of Malaya base Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) competition.
- The 3MT® competition is first developed by The University of Queensland, Australia, to provide a great platform for research students in exercising their communication and research skills through a three minute presentation.
- The participants should explain their theses in language that is comprehensible for a non-specialist audience.

### **Purpose**

- To provide communication skills training for postgraduate research students.
- To provide an outlet for postgraduate research students to talk about their work to a general audience.

### **Date of event**

- 25 April 2019 (Thursday)

### **Participation**

- Active PhD candidates (by research or mixed-mode) who are in the 4th semester and above in a PhD program (including thesis under submission). Graduates are not eligible.

### **Judges**

- UM will appoint a panel of three (3) judges.

### **Rules for participants**

- The presentation must be presented in English.
- A single static PowerPoint slide is permitted. No slide transitions, animations or 'movement' of any description are allowed. The slide is to be presented from the beginning of the oration.
- No additional electronic media (e.g. sound and video files) are permitted.
- No additional props (e.g. costumes, musical instruments, laboratory equipment) are permitted.
- Presentations are limited to 3 minutes' maximum and competitors exceeding 3 minutes are disqualified.
- Presentations are to be spoken word (e.g. no poems, raps or songs).
- Presentations are to commence from the stage.
- Presentations are considered to have commenced when a presenter starts their presentation through either movement or speech.
- The judging panel's decision is final.

## **Judging criteria**

- **Presentations should include:**

- Why your research is important?
- What you have done to address the research question?
- What long term outcomes are you anticipating?

- **The judging panel will be looking for:**

- **A. COMPREHENSION & CONTENT:**

- Did the presentation provide an understanding of the background and significance to the research question being addressed, while explaining terminology and avoiding jargon?
- Did the presentation clearly describe the impact and key results of the research including conclusions and outcomes?
- Did the presentation follow a clear and logical sequence?
- Was the thesis topic, impact, key results and research significance and outcomes communicated in language appropriate to a non-specialist audience?
- Did the presenter spend adequate time on each element of their presentation - or did they elaborate for too long on one aspect or was the presentation rushed?

- **B. ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION:**

- Did the oration make the audience want to know more?
- Was the presenter careful not to trivialize or generalize their research?
- Did the presenter convey enthusiasm for their research?
- Did the presenter capture and maintain their audience's attention?
- Did the speaker have sufficient stage presence, eye contact and vocal range; maintain a steady pace, and have a confident stance?
- Did the PowerPoint slide enhance the presentation - was it clear, legible, and concise?

## **Prizes**

- First place: RM500 + e-Certificate.
- Second place: RM300 + e-Certificate

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