



**RULES AND JUDGING CRITERIA**

**Rules of 3MT competition**

* 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 electronica media (eg sound and video files) are permitted.
* No additional props (eg 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 (eg 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 decision of the adjudicating panel is final.

**Judging Criteria**

*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/or results of the research, including conclusions and outcomes?
* Did the presentation follow a clear and logical sequence?
* Was the thesis topic, research significance, results/impact 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?

*Engagement & Communication*

* Did the oration make the audience want to know more?
* Was the presenter careful not to trivialise or generalise 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?