We gratefully acknowledge the University of Queensland for the creation and leadership of the Three Minute Thesis concept.
Agenda:

• Origin & purpose
• Rules & process
• Tips & Q&A
The Grad School’s “CareerPrep” initiative includes:

• Future Faculty programming
• Graduate Student Research EXPO
• Three Minute Thesis
• Apprentice Teacher Certificate
• NextGen Summer Seminar
• Support consultations & resources related to the job search, IDPs & skills development
GradCommunity
GSA Meeting — Mar. 11 @ 12pm

WeWrite
Dissertation Studio— Mar. 16-20
Master’s Retreats— Mar. 14 & Apr. 25

Funding
Dodson Research Grant — Mar. 20
• University of Queensland Australia, 2008
• 900+ universities in 85+ countries
• Regionals (WAGS) and Online
• Part of UTEP Grad School’s CareerPrep programming
  - Hone communication skills
  - Showcase work to broader community
• Why else?
• Example: www.youtube.com/watch?v=0K9iYUBCG_o
Eligibility

• UTEP 3MT is open all master’s and doctoral students completing a major research project (i.e., capstone, thesis, or dissertation).

• The UTEP 3MT committee may approve the participation of other advanced students completing major research projects at the request of the faculty advisor.

• Participants will have successfully defended the research proposal by March 27, 2020. The UTEP 3MT committee will consider other students with the approval of their faculty mentor.
Rules

• A single static PowerPoint slide is permitted (no slide transitions, animations or 'movement' of any description, 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 in **unmetered speech** (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 movement or speech.

**The decision of the adjudicating panel is final.**
• Judges will select winner ($500) and runner-up ($250)
• Audience will vote for “People’s Choice” ($250)
1. **Sign up now for prelims**, March 11 & 12!
2. Prepare your 3MT.
3. Participate in prelims.
4. Get constructive feedback and [hopefully!] invitation to finals!
5. Practice & hone your 3MT.
• **Read this competitor guide carefully!**
• Invite family, friends, mentors, colleagues, and the public to the final.
• Take advantage of the event as a networking opportunity.
  o Look the part
  o Use social media effectively
  o Prep your elevator speech
Elevator Speech

• The term “elevator speech” or “elevator pitch” is derived from the idea that you should be able to “sell” yourself in the amount of time it takes to ride up/down an elevator with an important contact.

• Some say the speech should take 30 seconds. Others say 2 minutes. Prepare various lengths for various contexts.
As you begin to prepare, remember:

**Cut the fluff**... be clear and concise.

**Keep it interesting**... show how you are unique or innovative.

**Be yourself**... You don’t want to sound over-rehearsed, robotic, or inauthentic.

*Remember: poised, polished, prepared, passionate, and professional!*
Prepare, Practice, Develop!

Step 1) **Prepare** a general version of your elevator speech. Include:
- Who are you?
- What do you do?
- What’s your interest/specialty?
- How do you add value to the context?

Step 2) **Practice** with a friend or colleague. Be sure to practice a **firm handshake** and good **eye contact**! Ask for feedback.

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