



3MT is an academic competition that challenges PhD students to describe their research within three minutes to a general audience. 3MT celebrates the discoveries made by research students and encourages their skills in communicating the importance of research to the broader community.

Don't miss this opportunity to practise your presentation skills, meet other PGR candidates, and have a chance to win prizes!

First prize (judging panel): £100.00 One4all voucher
Runner-up (judging panel): £50.00 One4all voucher
People's Choice (audience ballot): £50.00 One4all voucher

Edge Hill University's 3MT Final will be held on **Wednesday 18th April 2018 at 14:00**. The winning student will go on to compete in the national [Vitae 3MT 2018 Competition](#).

Why participate?

The ability to communicate the importance of your research project and articulate your findings is very valuable. Three Minute Thesis provides you with the opportunity to:

- communicate your ideas effectively to the wider community;
- describe your research findings to a non-specialist audience;
- crystallise your thoughts about your thesis;
- increase your profile within the Edge Hill University research community, staff and wider community; and
- network with other PGR students.

[Researcher Development Framework \(RDF\)](#) areas which correspond to participating in this competition are A1.1, B1.1, B2.3, B3.5, D2.1 and D3.2.

Eligibility

Anyone who is active in a PhD program at Edge Hill University (including thesis under submission) will be eligible to participate in 3MT. Graduates are not eligible (those awarded a PhD before 18/04/18).

Competitors who are eligible on the date of their first presentation in their local competition shall remain so for the national Vitae 3MT competition irrespective of subsequent changes to their status (e.g. those who subsequently graduate before the date of the Vitae 3MT competition event).

Rules

- 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 decision of the adjudicating panel is final.

Competition timeline/deadlines

Edge Hill competition

1. Wednesday 4th April 2018 - Register your interest by emailing graduateschool@edgehill.ac.uk including the following:
 - a. Full name
 - b. Student No.
 - c. Thesis title
2. Wednesday 11th April 2018 - Submit your presentation slide to the [Graduate School](#) including:
 - a. Slide title/3MT title
 - b. 150 word abstract
3. Wednesday 18th April 2018 at 14:00 - Edge Hill University 3MT Final

Vitae competition

1. Friday 6th July 2018 - Submit video entry to Vitae's 3MT online semi-final
2. July/August 2018 - Vitae's 3MT online semi-final
3. Monday 17th September 2018 - Vitae 3MT 2018 Final in Birmingham

Please note Vitae's 3MT UK semi-final is hosted online. Edge Hill University will film all presentations at the institutional final in order to submit the winning presentation to Vitae's 3MT competition. Videos may also be used for publicity by Edge Hill University, Vitae and The University of Queensland.

Resources

[University of Queensland 3MT website](#)

- [3MT Competitor guide](#)
 - Drafting
 - Slide
 - Presentation
- [Judging criteria](#)
- [3MT presentations](#)

[Vitae website](#)

- [Giving oral presentations - quick tips](#)
- [Vitae 3MT® 2017 \(competition videos\)](#)