



# VCU

Graduate School

## 3MT® Three Minute Thesis Competition

Three Minute Thesis (3MT ®) is a research communication competition originally developed by The University of Queensland in 2008, and now has been widely adopted at universities around the world. The exercise challenges master's and doctoral students to present a compelling talk on their thesis/dissertation topic and its significance. Many theses and dissertations can be over 80,000 words and take hours to present, but students in this competition have just three minutes and one slide to convey their often highly-technical research to a lay audience. Judging criteria is centered on three core competencies:

1. Communication Style: was the thesis topic and its significance communicated in language appropriate to a non-specialist audience?
2. Comprehension: did the presentation help the audience understand the research?
3. Engagement: did the oration make the audience want to know more? Three Minute Thesis (3MT ®) is a research communication competition originally developed

For more information and sample videos, visit the [3MT ® website](#) at the University of Queensland.

### Award

Monetary awards (\$500, \$300, and \$200) will go to the top three speakers from the final round. The Graduate School will also sponsor the first place winner to compete in the Council of Southern Graduate Schools' 3MT ® competition at the 2017 CSGS Annual Conference in Annapolis, MD: [http://www.csqs.org/annual\\_meeting/](http://www.csqs.org/annual_meeting/)

### Deadline

An e-mail with a short (no more than 300 words) description of your research is due on **October 6, 2017** to Mark Schaefermeyer, Associate Dean of the Graduate School, at [mjschaeferme@vcu.edu](mailto:mjschaeferme@vcu.edu).