

The 3rd Kyushu U 3MT Application Guidelines for AY 2023

1. Overview

- (1) 3MT (Three Minutes Thesis) is an international competition in which doctoral students present their research in three minutes in English, using only one slide. 3MT was started in 2008 at the University of Queensland (UQ), one of our partner universities. Currently, more than 900 universities from 85 countries participate in this well-known and highly regarded competition. This is the third time that Kyushu U 3MT has been held, having started in AY2021.
- (2) The 3MT is intended to refine students' academic research, presentation, and research communication skills. Students are also expected to provide explanations that can be conveyed to people outside their field of expertise so that their research can be made known to a wider audience.
- (3) By participating in Kyushu U 3MT, the students are expected to improve their communication skills and develop the ability to work with people from different backgrounds across fields of study. They will also gain valuable opportunities to be active in the international settings and to develop their research in the future.
- (4) The winner of the Kyushu U 3MT will compete in the 3MT main competition hosted by UQ, which will be held at UQ in Australia.

2. Eligibility

Students enrolled in the doctoral program at Kyushu University (3rd-5th year for integrated doctoral programs)

*They must be enrolled at Kyushu University as of July 2023.

3. Award

Research grants and certificates will be awarded. (One each)

(1) Winner: 300,000 yen

(2) Runner-Up (2nd place): 200,000 yen

(3) People's Choice (audience vote): 100,000 yen

*Winner will be supported by the International Affairs Department until the 3MT competition at UQ. (i.e., brushing up of presentation, video shooting, travel expenses, etc.)

*Research grants will be allocated to the awardee's labs.

4. Items required to be submitted and application procedures

(1) Items required to be submitted

① Slides (PPT 2 pages)

• Slide 1: Title slide

The following form is stored in the link provided on Forms, so please fill out the required information. The title slide should be inserted at the beginning of the video for about 5 seconds.

A title slide form for a 3MT presentation. It features the Kyushu University logo on the top left and the 3MT logo on the top right. The text in the center reads: "Name", "School", "Faculty", "University", and "3MT Title". There is a green triangle in the bottom left corner.

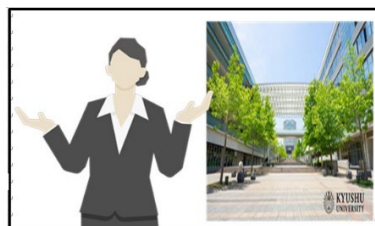
• Slide 2: Presentation slide

Please provide a one-page PPT summary of the research you are working on. The presentation slides should be placed in the upper right corner or right side on the video using an editing tool (e.g. Kapwing). Please refer to the "Good Examples" and "Bad Examples" below to edit your presentation.

Good Example

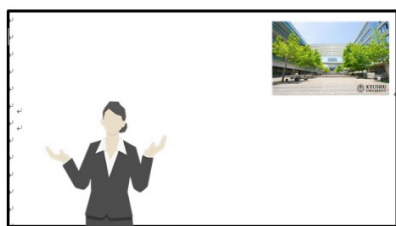


Good Example



Bad example

(face and slide are small)



Bad example

(slide is on the left side)



② VIDEO

- Presentations are limited to 3 minutes and competitors exceeding 3 minutes are disqualified. (timing does not include the 3MT title slide and commences from when the competitor starts speaking, not the start of the video)
- Videos must meet the following criteria
 - Filmed on the horizontal;
 - Filmed on a plain background;
 - Filmed from a static position;
 - Filmed from one camera angle;
 - Contain a 3MT title slide;
 - Contain a 3MT presentation slide (top right corner/right side/cut to)
- A single static slide is permitted in the presentation (no slide transitions, animations or 'movement' of any description). This can be visible continuously, or 'cut to' (as many times as you like) for a maximum of 1 minute.
- The 3 minutes of audio must be continuous (no editing or interruption of sound).
- No additional props (e.g., costumes, instruments, lab equipment, animated backgrounds, etc.) may be added to the video.
- Presentations are to be spoken word (e.g. no poems, raps or songs).
- Please submit in mp4 format with an aspect ratio of 16:9.
- You will not be judged on the quality or editing ability of your video or recording.
- For more information on how to edit the video, please check the tutorial movie at the URL below.
(*Edited in Kapwing as an example)

[YouTube] <https://youtu.be/0xtvr9PqrKU>

(2)How to apply

Enter the applicant information (student ID number, name, affiliation, contact information, title of research, name and contact information of academic advisor, etc.) in the Forms below. At that time, please upload and submit ① (slide 1, 2) and ② (video).

The file names of ① and ② should be "Student ID number_name_2023."
(Example: 1AB12345C_Taro KYUDAI_2023)
[Forms] <https://forms.office.com/r/HHNTYsQyUF>

◆Notes

- Please make sure that the presentation is easy to understand for people outside of your field of study.
- Research topics other than those being conducted as doctoral dissertation research are also acceptable.
- It is not necessary that the research is completed.

◆Submission deadline

Friday, June 9

5. Briefing session

Tuesday, May 16, 12:00-13:00

Online (*Details will be posted on Global Gateways.)

6. Selection

(1) First stage screening

① Subject to review

- Items listed in 4. (1) ① and ②

② Judging criteria

In accordance with the judging rubric for the UQ main competition, the presentations will be evaluated comprehensively from the following perspectives.

(i) Comprehension and content

- Presentation provided clear background and significance to the research question
- Presentation provided clear positionality of the presenter to the research and research approach
- Presentation clearly described the research strategy/design and the results/findings of the research
- Presentation clearly described the conclusions, outcomes and impact of the research

(ii) Engagement and communication

- The oration was delivered clearly, and the language was appropriate for a non-specialist audience
- The PowerPoint slide was well-defined and enhanced the presentation
- The presenter conveyed enthusiasm for their research and captured and maintained the audience's attention

③ Notification of screening results

Students will be notified by email on Monday, June 19.

(2)Final

① Date and time: Late July to early August (TBD)

② Venue: Online (tentative)

③ Subject to review

3-minute presentation (video) and 5-minute Q&A session with the judges

④ Judging criteria

See 6. (1) ②

⑤ Screening Results

The announcement will be made on the day of the final, and the award ceremony will be held on a different day.

7. People's Choice

Videos are open to the public during the following period.

Monday, July 10 – Sunday, July 23

- The People's Choice winner will be determined by public voting.

Schedule

(KU selection)

- Friday, April 28 Call for applications
- Tuesday, May 16 Briefing session
- Friday, June 9 Applications close (slides and video)
- Monday, June 19 Notification of 1st round selection results
- July 10 (Mon) - 23 (Sun) Public voting for People's Choice
- Late July - Early August Kyushu U 3MT (TBA)
- August Brush-up period for winners' slides and video

- Early September Filming of video to be submitted to UQ
- Friday, September 15 Deadline for video submission to UQ

(UQ Main Competition)

- Monday, September 25 Semifinal
- Monday, October 9 Finalists announced and showcase open
- Wednesday, October 18 Final (Q&A, announcement of each winner)