

Queen's Business School (QBS) Three-Minute-Thesis (3MT) Competition:

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. Who is eligible to take part in the competition?

The competition is open to currently enrolled PhD candidates who have successfully completed their confirmation or equivalent progression milestone by the time of their presentation. Candidates who have already been awarded their doctorate are not eligible to enter the competition.

2. Are presenters allowed to use notes during their talk?

You may use brief cue cards or limited notes if required. However, strong delivery without relying on notes is encouraged, as excessive use may negatively affect audience engagement and presentation impact.

3. Am I allowed to use physical objects or demonstration materials?

No. The use of props, costumes, instruments, laboratory materials, or other physical aids is not allowed. Your presentations should rely solely on your spoken communication supported by the approved slide.

4. What are the requirements for the presentation slide?

Each competitor can use **one static slide** only. Your slide should be visually clear and support your spoken narrative. Animations, transitions, embedded videos, sound, or other interactive elements are not allowed.

5. Is the use of audio or video content permitted?

No. Any audio recordings, video clips, or other forms of multimedia beyond the single static slide are strictly prohibited.

6. Can presentations be delivered remotely or online?

No. Our QBS 3MT competition is organised based on the in-person presentation format only.

7. Are there expectations regarding presentation attire?

There is no strict dress code. However, you are encouraged to dress in a manner that is professional and comfortable. The use of theatrical or costume-based attire is not allowed.

8. Is it possible for one participant to receive multiple awards?

Yes. A competitor can win in more than one award category, such as both a judges' prize and a People's Choice award, where applicable.

9. Can self-identifying information be included in my presentation slide?

No. Personal details such as name, programme, or thesis title are managed separately by the organisers. Slides should focus exclusively on communicating your research effectively.

10. What are the consequences of exceeding the three-minute time limit?

Any presentation that exceeds the three-minute limit will be disqualified.