

3 Minute Thesis competition: Rules and Guidelines

The 3 Minute Thesis competition is a worldwide competition where researchers present their work in a quick and easily accessible format. It is a great opportunity to practice your presentation skills as well as gain some perspective on your own research!

The prizes for the winners are yet to be determined.

Rules for the participants

- Each presentation must be at most three minutes.
- The presentation starts whenever the speaker initiates speaking.
- The participants are only allowed to use slides (i.e. cannot use the whiteboard).
- The decision of the judging panel is final.

We do not put restrictions on the slides but recommend the participants to use between 1 and 5 of them.

Guidelines

The judging panel will consist of researchers in mathematics but not necessarily from the field of probability. It will assess the speakers based on the following criteria.

Comprehension

- Did the speaker provide a background to the research question?
- Was the significance and context of the research clearly explained?
- Did the speaker clearly state the key results of the research?
- Did the speaker follow a clear and logical sequence?

Engagement

- Did the oration make the audience want to know more?
- Was the speaker careful not to generalize their research?
- Did the speaker convey enthusiasm for their research?
- Did the speaker capture and maintain their audience's attention?

Communication

- Was the presentation adapted to a non-specialist audience of researchers in mathematics (and closely related fields)?
- Did the speaker avoid scientific jargon, explain terminology and provide adequate background information to illustrate points?
- Did the speaker have sufficient vocal range while maintaining a steady pace?
- Did the speaker spend adequate time on each element of their presentation?
- Did the slides enhance the presentation? Were they legible, concise and relevant?