

2023 AAMU STEM DAY ORAL PRESENTATION GUIDELINES

3-MINUTE THESIS COMPETITION GUIDELINES

The Three Minute Thesis (3MT[®]) competition will be the format used for this year's oral competition. This format is widely used for many competitions and can be thought of as the "Elevator Speech" of research. This format will challenge you to effectively present your research in a concise manner. Please read the below instructions very carefully.

Slide requirements

1. All participants are limited to a single static slide (slide transitions or animations are not allowed; sound and videos are not allowed). Participants who do not adhere to this will be disqualified from participating.
2. An introductory slide will be prepared for each student (students *will not* be responsible for this. This will allow students to adhere to the one slide policy). This slide will include the presenter's name, department and research title (All of this information will be derived from the information that was submitted during the abstract submission process).

Submission of slide

1. Each student must submit his/her slide via the unique google link sent to you by 11:59 pm CST on Monday, April 10, 2023. Students who do not submit in this manner will be unable to present. *Please note that there will not be a deadline extension. This is a firm deadline as time is needed to create one slide deck for the entire oral session.*

Presentation day

1. Students must be dressed in business attire.
2. Students must arrive on time so that they may be seated in the order in which they will present. This will allow for a very smooth transition from presenter to presenter. Students who arrive late will be unable to present.
3. Each student will be allowed three minutes to present. The time will start when the speaker speaks the first word. When the three-minute time frame has expired, a buzzard will sound and the presentation must immediately end. Speakers who continue to speak after the timer will be disqualified. This will require practice.
4. Students will only be allowed to present with the slide submitted via the deadline. Because all slides will be compiled into one large file, replacing slides will not be allowed after the deadline or on the presentation day.
5. Props are not allowed.
6. Any mechanism of using notes is not allowed (e.g. cell phone, iPad, etc.)

Any questions must be directed to Armitra Jackson-Davis at armitra.davis@gmail.com

As you prepare for your presentation, please view the below resource:

[2022 3MT Final Competition - Video on Demand \(cornell.edu\)](#) (Please feel free to listen to some of the presentations to learn more about this style of presenting).