

## 3MT Competition Underway! McDonnell International Symposium 2020

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Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from Washington University in St. Louis!

I'm Angie Rahaman, the McDonnell International Scholars Academy's Communications & Alumni Relations Coordinator, and I am writing to you with regard to the Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) competition that will be featured at the **McDonnell Academy's upcoming 8<sup>th</sup> International Symposium, October 8-10, 2020 at Washington University in St. Louis**. This correspondence has been sent to you because you have been appointed as your university's administrative officer or 3MT coordinator for past events, or have been assigned as the administrative liaison following our recent communication with the leadership of your university. If you are no longer in this role, please send me the name and contact information of the best individual to contact.

The 3MT® competition was founded in 2008 by McDonnell partner, The University of Queensland (UQ), and challenges graduate students to present their research to a non-specialist audience in 3 minutes with only a single static PowerPoint slide. This year, presentations will focus around the three core themes of the symposium: Big Data & Emerging Technologies, Unlocking Human Potential, and Our Planet at Risk.

Please review the information contained in this email regarding the following:

- Competition promotion
- Student eligibility
- Entry Submission
- Judging and selection process
- Awards to winners
- Additional resources

Back by popular demand, the Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) competition is among the highlights of the McDonnell International Symposium, and we very much hope to have broad participation from your graduate students. I will serve as the primary contact for any matters related to the 3MT competition and **I am happy to answer any of your questions.**

**MCDONNELL ACADEMY 8TH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM  
3MT STUDENT COMPETITION  
OCTOBER 10, 2020 | WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS**

### Competition Promotion:

Each McDonnell Academy partner is asked to promote the 3MT competition internally to your PhD and professional students and direct them to the [symposium website \(link\)](#) for eligibility requirements, entry and presentation rules, the competition handbook, important dates, and other important details. The attached [flyer](#) can be distributed to those who have an interest in competing, or faculty that may wish to share the information with their students.

### Student Eligibility

Participants must be an active graduate student (PhD and Master's degree) at a McDonnell International Scholars Academy partner and enrolled in a full-time graduate degree program at the time of entry in to the competition **and** at the time of the symposium in October 2020. 3MT® presentations must be focused on one the three thematic areas:

- **Big Data and Emerging Technologies:** How can big data and new technologies improve the human condition?
- **Unlocking Human Potential:** How do we create a world with opportunities for all?
- **Our Planet at Risk:** Can we humans save the planet from ourselves?

### Entry Submission | Individual Student Entry

Interested and eligible students from McDonnell Academy partners must submit an entry using the specified form on the symposium website.

Individual Student Entry Submission*
Eligible students use the <u>online entry form on the symposium website</u> to submit a 3-minute video with one static PowerPoint slide explaining their research on a topic related to one of the three thematic areas: (1) Big Data & Emerging Technologies, (2) Unlocking Human Potential, or (3) Our Planet at Risk.
Submissions must meet all <u>rules and presentation requirements</u> . Failure to meet the specified guidelines will result in disqualification.
Entries are being accepted as of March 1, 2020.
The deadline for submissions is May 15, 2020 (11:59pm CST).

*\*If a student submits an entry through the Individual Student Entry portal but their Partner institution has indicated they will conduct their own internal review, the student and their submission will be directed to their Partner institution contact for further consideration.*

### Entry Submission | McDonnell Partner University

If your university will conduct its own review of contestants and then submit to the McDonnell Academy, **please send the name and email of the contact coordinator** to be published on the Symposium 3MT webpage for reference to [McDonnell Academy](#).

Partner University Entry Submission*
Each Academy partner can conduct its own internal review and select their top six submissions – a maximum of two per each of the three thematic areas: (1) Big Data & Emerging Technologies, (2) Unlocking Human Potential, or (3) Our Planet at Risk.

The criteria for judging the submissions can be found in the <a href="#">3MT handbook</a> . A judging panel of three to five judges is recommended.
Email your top six 3MT submissions to <a href="#">McDonnell Academy</a> (maximum two per theme) by May 15, 2020 (11:59pm CST).

*\*If a student submits an entry through the Individual Student Entry portal but their Partner institution has indicated they will conduct their own internal review, the student and their submission will be directed to their Partner institution contact for further consideration.*

### Selection/Judging of Semifinalists and Finalists

Individual Student Entry Submission	Partner University Entry Submission
Following the close of the submission period, all entries will be evaluated for eligibility. Virtual heats will take place to determine semi-finalists (up to 6 per partner institution)	Each Academy partner's top six 3MT submissions to the McDonnell Academy will be submitted to the judges.
15 finalists (5 finalists per theme) will then be selected by judges from Washington University in St. Louis to compete live at the Symposium.	
Finalists will be notified of their selection by August 15, 2020.	

### Awards & Prizes

Students selected as finalists from partner institutions will be awarded up to \$2,000 (USD) to cover travel costs to compete live at the symposium in St. Louis.

Three winners (one per each thematic area) will be selected by judges' votes to receive a prize of \$1,000 (USD) each; three People's Choice winners, chosen by popular vote, will be awarded \$500 (USD). Prizes are subject to U.S. tax withholding.

### Additional Resources

- [UQ 3MT® Competition Website](#)
- [8th International Symposium 3MT® Competition Handbook](#)
- [View/Download 8th International Symposium Competition 3MT® Flyer](#)
- [3MT® Competitors Guide](#)
- [Watch 3MT® Presentations](#)

**The McDonnell Academy appreciates your time and efforts to facilitate the 3MT competition, and look forward to your continued support and collaboration of the 8<sup>th</sup> International Symposium at Washington University in St. Louis.**

Best regards,  
Angie Rahaman

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