

*The Toronto School of Theology Presents*

## **Three Minute Thesis Competition (3MT®)**

The Three Minute Thesis Competition (3MT®) invites graduate students to explain their thesis to a general audience and group of judges in three minutes using only one static PowerPoint slide. The competition helps graduate students improve their oral presentation skills, profile their research, and learn more about the ideas in their communities.

Google “Three Minute Thesis (3MT)” and you will find many examples of competition winners from Canada and around the world. And learn while listening!

The *Toronto School of Theology* and the *Graduate Center for Theological Studies* will “pilot” its first Three Minute Thesis Competition (3MT) on the afternoon of **Friday, March 25, 2022**, in two preliminary “heats” of ten students each (to be held online via Zoom). The eligibility criteria will be parallel to those of the *University of Toronto*—so all registered graduate students are eligible to participate—except that, as a “pilot,” the competition will be limited to the first twenty students who sign up. A “People’s Choice” award will be given to one student from each preliminary heat. The top three students from each of those heats will compete for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place on **Monday, April 25, 2022**.

The rules and judging criteria will be the same as those announced on the University of Toronto’s website. The website also provides online resources with hints about how to create a good public presentation for a general audience. This information can be accessed: <https://www.cgpd.utoronto.ca/public-scholarship/3mt/>.

Information about Canada’s Three Minute Thesis Competition (3MT) and it’s handbook can be found by visiting:

<https://cags.ca/3mt-2/>

<https://secureservercdn.net/45.40.150.136/bba.0c2.myftpupload.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/3MT-Handbook-20192020.pdf>.

### **TST and the GCTS will offer the following prizes:**

- *First Place*: \$1,000
- *Second Place*: \$500
- *Third Place*: \$250
- PEOPLE’S CHOICE: \$50

The competition will be open to anyone in the TST community who wishes to attend by RSVP only.

## **Registration**

As mentioned, the TST Three Minute Thesis Competition (3MT) will be limited to the first twenty graduate students who register. The *Toronto School of Theology Graduate Students' Association* (TGSA) will be managing and coordinating sign ups. If you wish to participant in the TST 3MT please sign up here: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/17sTT7vteWmKV3WkwsWg9mGTVohwNzX1CcQgUXAuy-Fk/edit?usp=sharing>. Registration is first-come-first serve, the link will stay live until the end of the month or until we reach twenty names.

After TGSA has confirmed the names on the sign up sheet, the TST and the GCTS will finalize the schedule for the two preliminary heats to be held on Friday, March 25, 2022 in the afternoon. This will be sent to participants in advance and include the Zoom link.

## **Contact**

If you have questions regarding the TST Three Minute Thesis Competition (3MT) you can reach out to:

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We are looking forward to this and we hope you are too!