



**Who:** Pre-doctoral Trainees and Post-Doctoral Scholars

**When:** October 29th from 2:45-4:15

**Where:** The Lodge at Gulf State Park, a Hilton Hotel

**How to sign up:** Submit to present a 3MT at TSS26 [HERE](#)

**Deadline:** Call for 3MT presentations ends **October 13th, 2026**

A 3-Minute Thesis (3MT) presentation is a concise research presentation format designed to engage a non-specialist audience. Take advantage of this incredible opportunity to disseminate your research to a lively and engaged audience!

#### Competition Rules:

1. Presentations must be no longer than three minutes. Presentations begin the moment the presenter starts speaking and stops when the presenter finishes speaking. *\*Presentations exceeding three minutes will be disqualified.*
2. Only one static PowerPoint slide is permitted. No animations, transitions, or multimedia (e.g., audio or video) are allowed. Only this single slide is to be presented from the beginning of the oration.
3. No additional props (e.g., costumes, musical instruments, laboratory equipment) or use of songs or poems are permitted.
4. No additional electronic media or background enhancements (e.g., sound and video files) are allowed.
5. The presentation must be based on original research conducted by the presenter.

#### Judging Criteria: Presentations are judged based on three main criteria:

- **Comprehension & Content:** Did the presentation help the audience understand the research? Was the thesis topic and its significance communicated in language appropriate to an intelligent but non-specialist audience?
- **Engagement:** Did the oration make the audience want to know more? Was the presenter enthusiastic and engaging?
- **Clarity:** Was the thesis topic, research significance, and outcomes clear to the audience

#### Poster Session Awards & Evaluation criteria

CCTS will select up to three poster presentations to be recognized for excellence in research. Posters will be evaluated based on the quality of the submission and the degree of focus. **There is no external funding for this award and the recipients do not receive cash prizes.**

If there are questions, please contact:

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