

HONG KONG BAPTIST UNIVERSITY
Task Force on Research Student Training Framework

Research Student Development Activity

1. Activity Title

Three Minute Thesis (3MT) speech competition

2. Offering Department/ Unit

The Language Centre

3. Target Student Group (e.g. All students, Research Postgraduate students)

Currently only UGC-funded research students are eligible; propose to offer the service to both UGC-funded and non-UGC funded students in the new training framework

4. Delivery Method (e.g. workshop, lecture, seminar)

Annual speech competition (involving preparation videos and workshop); 1st-round presentation-video submissions; individual consultations with finalists; final-round presentations in person (the Grand Final)

5. Duration & Total No. of Hours (e.g. 2 hours per session per week for 3 weeks = Total 6 hours)

For the 3MT competition, a 30-min workshop after students have studied the training videos/PPTs is given before the 1st-round presentation video submission. Before the Grand Final (final round presentations given in person), a 20-min individual consultation session is given to every finalist.

6. Aims & Objectives

Developed by The University of Queensland, the 3MT competition celebrates the exciting research conducted by PhD students. It cultivates students' academic, presentation, and research communication skills, while developing research candidates' ability to effectively explain their research in language appropriate to a non-specialist audience, as well as to highlight the significance and contributions of their research.

7. Expected Development Outcomes or Knowledge/Skills Attainment

By participating in the competition, students will be able to:

- Present their research clearly and effectively to non-specialist audiences.
- Use appropriate language and techniques to engage diverse audiences.
- Identify research approaches from different disciplines.
- Emphasise the significance and contributions of their research.

- Participate in interdisciplinary dialogues within and beyond the academic community.

8. Expected Graduate Attributes Attained

[Input will be sought after the University completes the review process]