CG 3MT 2026 Call – Technical Criteria

In principle, **the University of Queensland Rules for video entries** apply to the Coimbra Group competition. Please make sure to consult them [here](#).

The Coimbra Group applies **further technical specifications** to ensure uniformity, comparability, and technical simplicity across all video entries.

Accepted formats: Recordings from both in-person and online competitions are eligible, provided the performance is delivered **live** (even if online).

❌ **Edited / Compiled versions** (best version of several recorded ones) will **not be accepted.**

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A single static slide is permitted. ❌ No slide transitions, animations or 'movement' of any type are allowed. The slide must be visible from the beginning of the oration.

❌ **No additional electronic media** (e.g. sound or video files) may be used.

❌ **No props** (e.g. costumes, musical instruments, laboratory equipment) are permitted.

Presentations are limited to **3 minutes maximum**.
❌ *Competitors exceeding this time limit will be disqualified*.

Presentations must be delivered in **spoken word only** (e.g. no poems, raps or songs).

Presentations must **commence from the stage**.

Presentations are considered to have **commenced when the presenter begins** speaking or moving.
❌ *Don´t use extras beeps, signals or other cues to start.*

The **decision of the adjudicating panel** is final.

Additional technical specifications for videos

- Videos must be recorded at **a live institutional 3MT event**. ❌ "Studio" recordings are not permitted.

- **The presentation by the doctoral researcher must stand on its own**: ❌ Oral introductions at the event must not be included, nor may any opening credits or overlays be added by the producers.

- Videos must be as simple as possible. Use a **single, static camera shot** pointing at the candidate.

- ❌ **Video editing is not allowed:**
  - No credits.
  - No music.
  - No introductions.
  - Only one slide illustrating the talk.

- **Sound must be of good quality**. Please use a clear microphone.

- ❌ Computers or other devices are **not allowed** during the presentation.

- It is strongly recommended that the presenter's **full body is visible** throughout the recording.

- ❌ **Edited or non-compliant recordings** will be excluded from the Coimbra Group 3MT competition by the technical committee.

Some content specifications

- **RESULTS!** *The 3MT is about communicating research results, not mere research plans.*

  - ✓ Highlight the outcomes of your research.

  - ✓ Avoid overstatements.

  - ✓ Make your presentation easy for everyone to understand.

  - ✓ Avoid trivialisation.

Last words

- **Support:** for any questions or clarifications, please do not hesitate to contact Ivonne Mejia at info@coimbra-group.eu.

  If necessary, the Office will reach out to members of the Technical Committee. In all cases, you can expect a prompt response.

- **Transparency:** the Technical Committee is fully committed to maintaining the highest level of transparency throughout the entire process.

When is your local 3MT competition?

Drop your competition date in the chat!

❓ Questions & Answers

Feel free to ask anything