

3MT® Supervisor Consent Form

I, , have registered to participate in the Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) competition commencing March 2026.

3MT® is a university-wide competition for graduate students in which participants present their research and its wider impact in three minutes or less to a panel of non-specialist judges. The challenge is to present complex research in an engaging, accessible and compelling way, using only one slide.

The School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies requires that I confirm that my participation in the competition does not compromise my research in relation to confidentiality and/or intellectual property (IP). I reviewed the confidentiality and IP considerations below prior to signing this document.

Confidentiality and IP considerations

Students and supervisors must understand that the presentation of research in 3MT® will be publicly accessible, i.e., in the public domain.

The presentation of the research will not affect any pre-existing rights following the competition, except as stated below:

- Due to the nature of the competition, we will not ask judges, reviewers, staff or the audience to sign non-disclosure statements.
- All public sessions of the competition including, but not limited to, oral presentations are open to the public at large. Any and all of these public sessions may be broadcast to interested persons through media, which may include the Internet.
- In coordinating 3MT®, the university and any host institutions for the province-wide competition may take photographs, videotapes and/or audiotapes; make transcripts of the presentations; and/or copy material prepared for use in presentation at the 3MT® and any 3MT®-related events for promotional purposes and to support knowledge mobilization. Testimonials will be requested of all participants after the events.
- If the research being presented is covered by an agreement with a partner, it is the supervisor's responsibility to confirm that the agreement does not impose any restrictions relating to public disclosure of the research results (i.e. requirements relating to protecting IP prior to disclosure). If such restrictions are present, it is the supervisor's responsibility to confirm that the necessary steps have been taken to permit disclosure by the student in the 3MT®.

To be completed by student:

Student's name:

Student number:

Faculty:

Program:

Title of presentation (tentative title acceptable):

To be completed by supervisor:

Supervisor's name:

Is the student's research being conducted under contract with an outside sponsor? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please list all industry/community partners:

I confirm that the student's participation in 3MT® will not compromise any of the university's obligations regarding research confidentiality or IP.

Supervisor's signature:

Date:

Upon completion, please submit this form to
gradstudies@ontariotechu.ca. Deadline: **Friday, February 6, 2026**