

## 3MT DOCTORAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. By entering the competition, you accept these terms, conditions, criteria for entry and competition rules.
2. All currently enrolled University of Waikato Doctoral (active PhD and Professional Doctorate (Research)) candidates who have reached Confirmed Enrolment (Part 2 EdD, SJD, DHSc) by the date of their first 3MT presentation, as well as those who are under examination by the date of their first presentation are eligible to enter. Participants must be enrolled in their University of Waikato Doctorate or be under examination for the duration of the competition (Tuesday 2 July 2026 to Wednesday 14 October 2026). Graduates and candidates on suspension are not eligible.
3. Entries must be received no later than 4.00pm, Friday 12 June 2026.
4. All entrants must be available to attend the University of Waikato 3MT Doctoral Final on Tuesday 4 August 2026 as well as the 2026 Virtual Asia Pacific 3MT Doctoral Competition. The Virtual Asia-Pacific 3MT Semi-Finals online showcase will be on Monday 21 September 2026 and the Virtual Asia-Pacific 3MT Finals will be on Wednesday 14 October 2026. If the winner is unavailable to compete in the Virtual Asia-Pacific 3MT competitions, the runner-up may be invited to represent the University instead.
5. All presentations for the University of Waikato 3MT Doctoral Heats and the University of Waikato 3MT Doctoral Finals must be delivered in-person in front of the judging panel. Presentations cannot be pre-recorded or delivered via video-conference.
6. You must agree to abide by the guidelines for using one static PowerPoint slide to assist your presentation. No transitions or other props will be allowed.
7. You must agree with the University of Waikato Marketing, Publicity Consent and Release Declaration (below).
8. The University of Waikato reserves the right to disqualify any entrant if they do not meet the eligibility criteria or are found to have breached University of Waikato protocol, for example, by either plagiarising part or all of their presentation or acting in a manner that does not promote fair competition.
9. The Judges' decisions are final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
10. The University of Waikato reserves the right to use the winners' names and photos for promotional purposes.
11. The overall winner will receive a \$1000 cash prize, as well as an entry into the 2026 Virtual Asia Pacific 3MT Competition.
12. The runner up will receive a \$500 cash prize.
13. The people's choice winner will receive a \$500 cash prize.
14. The 2026 Asia Pacific 3MT Doctoral Competition has confirmed that this will be a virtual event with video submissions, so in-person attendance is not required for this competition: <https://threeminutethesis.uq.edu.au/asia-pac/2026>

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