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ABOUT THE COMPETITION

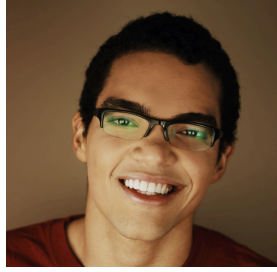
The Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) Competition celebrates the exciting research conducted by graduate students around the world. Developed by the University of Queensland in 2008, the competition cultivates students' academic, presentation, and research communication skills. Presenting in a 3MT® Competition increases students' capacity to succinctly summarize their research in three minutes using language comprehensible to a non-specialist audience. Competitors are allowed one PowerPoint slide, but no other resources or props. The inaugural University of Miami 3MT® Competition was held in April 2017 in partnership with the Graduate Student Association.

EVENT PROGRAM

6:00 p.m.	Welcome and Opening Remarks
6:10 p.m.	Competition Commences
7:00 p.m.	People's Choice Award Voting
7:10 p.m.	Awards Ceremony
7:20 p.m.	Networking Reception

2025 COMPETITORS

(in order of appearance)



Gabriel Das Chagas Alves Pereira Souza

Ph.D. student in Literary, Cultural, and Linguistic Studies in the College of Arts & Sciences

Dissertation: TransAfroAmericas: Confronting and Debunking Myths of Whiteness in Brazil, Colombia, and the United States

Advisor: Dr. Steven Buttermann



Nkosi Muse

Ph.D. student in Environmental Science and Policy in the Rosenstiel School of Marine, Atmospheric & Earth Science

Dissertation: Examining Heat Exposure and Adaptation across a Diverse, Subtropical Region

Advisor: Dr. Katharine Mach



Mariana Viso

Ph.D. student in Biomedical Engineering in the College of Engineering

Dissertation: Replicating Pancreatic Cancer Chemoresistance

Advisor: Dr. Ashutosh Agarwal



Seungju Choi

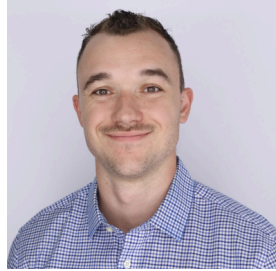
Ph.D. student in Business in the Miami Herbert Business School

Dissertation: Complement or Cover-Up? The Role of Carbon Credits in Corporate Climate Strategies

Advisors: Drs. Khrystyna Bochkay and Mark Maffett

2025 COMPETITORS

(continued)



Taylor Wright

M.M. student in Music Therapy in the Frost School of Music

Thesis: Infant-Directed Singing and Same-Sex Fathers: Two Instrumental Case Studies

Advisor: Dr. Shannon de l'Etoile



Anya Sondhi

Ph.D. student in Cancer Biology in the Miller School of Medicine

Dissertation: Overcoming Obstacles in CAR-T Cell Therapy to Treat Blood Cancers

Advisor: Dr. Justin Taylor



Teri Cesar

Ph.D. student in Nursing Science in the School of Nursing & Health Studies

Dissertation: Obesity in African American Families: A Comprehensive Analysis using a Family Health Framework

Advisor: Dr. Arsham Alamian



Geyi Wang

Ph.D. student in Communication in the School of Communication

Dissertation: How Loneliness and Misinformation Become Dual Epidemics in the Digital Age

Advisor: Dr. Nicholas Carcioppolo

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