

## **Rules**

- A single static PowerPoint slide is permitted (no slide transitions, animations or 'movement' of any description). The slide is to be presented from the beginning of the oration.
- No additional electronic media (e.g. sound and video files) are permitted.
- No additional props (e.g. costumes, musical instruments, laboratory equipment) are permitted.
- Presentations are limited to maximum 3 minutes and competitors exceeding 3 minutes would be disqualified.
- Presentations are to be spoken words (e.g. no poems, raps or songs).
- Presentations are to commence from the stage.
- Presentations are considered to have commenced when a presenter starts their presentation through movement or speech.
- The decision of the adjudicating panel is final.

## **Judging Criteria**

The judging criteria for NUS 3MT will be identical to those used in national and international 3MT competitions. It is summarized below:

Each judge will rate each presentation based on the following 12 judging criteria:

1. Did the presentation provide an understanding of the background to the research question being addressed and its significance?
2. Did the presentation clearly describe the key results of the research including conclusions and outcomes?
3. Did the presentation follow a clear and logical sequence?
4. Was the thesis topic, key results and research significance and outcomes communicated in language appropriate to a non-specialist audience?
5. Did the speaker avoid scientific jargon, explain terminology and provide adequate background information to illustrate points?
6. Did the presenter spend adequate time on each element of their presentation – or did they elaborate for too long on one aspect or was the presentation rushed?

## **Engagement & Communication**

7. Did the oration make the audience want to know more?
8. Was the presenter careful not to generalize their research?
9. Did the presenter convey enthusiasm for their research?
10. Did the presenter capture and maintain their audience's attention?
11. Did the speaker have sufficient stage presence, eye contact and vocal range; maintain a steady pace, and have a confident stance?
12. Did the PowerPoint slide enhance the presentation – was it clear, legible, and concise?

A minimum of 1 point (Very Poor) and a maximum of 5 points (Excellent) can be awarded for each judging criteria. The total points awarded to each entry by the judges will be added up and the entries will be ranked accordingly.