



The GCC 3MT Competition



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Qatar University Hosts a Special Academic Event

The First Gulf Edition of the Three-Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition

On 28 November 2024, a landmark day in the history of scientific research in the Gulf region, Qatar University hosted the first GCC edition of the 3MT (Three Minute Thesis) Competition. 3MT is an academic event that aims to enable postgraduate students to present their scientific research in a simplified and engaging manner in just three minutes. This initiative came to enhance students' scientific communication skills and enable them to communicate their research ideas without academic complexity, thus contributing to building an effective bridge between scientific research and society. The competition is expected to become an annual event, serving as a regional platform that contributes to supporting scientific innovation and enhancing academic communication.

Importance of the Competition

The 3MT Competition was first launched at the University of Queensland in Australia in 2008 and spread globally to become an academic event organized by hundreds of universities around the world. Qatar University has organized the national edition of the competition since 2019, but the 2024 edition was particularly significant as it marked the first time the event was held at the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) level. This milestone reflects the University's strong commitment to advancing scientific research and fostering academic innovation across the region.

The competition provides students with the opportunity to develop presentation and communication skills, and contributes to the dissemination of scientific research



in simplified and attractive ways. Consequently, it has a greater impact on society and motivates researchers to present their ideas in more compelling and persuasive ways. This edition witnessed the participation of several leading Gulf universities, including: Qatar University (Organizer), King Abdulaziz University, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, Khalifa University, the American University of Sharjah, Kuwait University, Sultan Qaboos University, University of Bahrain, and Qatar Finance and Business Academy - Northumbria University.

Mechanism of the Competition

Each participant is given just 3 minutes to present their research, using only a single slide and without any additional effects. The judging panel evaluates the participants based on several criteria, most notably:

- The clarity and understandability of the research.
- The impact and persuasiveness of the presentation.
- The competitor's ability to communicate with the audience and communicate his/her idea effectively.

Results of the Competition

The participants fiercely competed, and the winners were as follows:

First place: Manal Sabah Abboud

Master of Science in Molecular Biology
Kuwait University - State of Kuwait

Second place: Egan Ozakuga

Master of Science in Finance
The American University of Sharjah - United Arab Emirates

Third place: Azza bint Hamad Al Aysariya

Master of Science in Nursing - Midwifery
Sultan Qaboos University - Sultanate of Oman

Audience Choice Award: Shahad Mohammed Al-Khair

Master of Science in Environmental Science
Qatar University - State of Qatar

Qatar University's organization of the first GCC edition of the competition is an important step towards enabling young researchers to communicate their research in an impactful way, which contributes to strengthening the Arabian Gulf's scientific presence in the international academic arena.

The competition also provides a platform to build vital presentation and communication skills that have become a necessity in today's world of scientific research.

For more details about the competition and upcoming editions, visit Qatar University's official website.