



King's College London

Three Minute Thesis Competition 2021

Could you explain your research to a lay audience in just three minutes?

- [Apply here by Tuesday 23 February 2021](#)
- [Five Reasons to enter the King's 3MT Competition 2021](#)

The rules are simple: explain your research to a non-specialist audience in three minutes. No props, sound, moving images, poems, raps, songs, or mimes are allowed; only a single static PowerPoint slide is permissible.

[Heats will be held in March 2021](#) and two winners from each heat will go forward to the King's 3MT Grand Final on Wednesday 31 March.

The King's winner will receive a prize of **£500** towards research, conference, or public engagement activity expenses, and the runner-up will receive a prize of **£250**.

Previous King's winners have gone on to represent the College at [the national Vitae 3MT competition](#), so make sure to sign up for a chance to be featured on the [Centre for Doctoral Studies Blog](#) and gain national exposure for your work!

[We'll be running a webinar on Thursday 11 February 12:00-13:00 GMT](#), with tips and advice on how to put together a captivating slide and deliver a great presentation that will maximise your chances of winning. The panel will include:

- **Donald Lush** (King's Careers & Employability)
- **Dr Amy Moore** (Head of Doctoral Student Development)
- **Christian Hurry** (King's 3MT 2019 Grand Finalist)
- **Sogol Salamipour** (King's 3MT 2020 Grand Finalist and Vitae National Finalist)

Watch the [2017](#), [2018](#) and [2020](#) King's finalists, and don't forget to read our Centre for Doctoral Studies blog post, [Sogol Salamipour to represent King's at Vitae 3MT National Competition Final](#), which has lots of useful tips and advice from the 2020 King's finalists!

And don't forget to check out [the official 3MT Competitor Guide](#).

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Eligibility and Terms & Conditions



- The [King's College London Three Minute These Competition 2021](#) is open to all currently registered doctoral research students at King's.
- If you've participated previously, you're welcome to take part this year.
- **Please ensure that you choose the correct heat for your Faculty.**
We may move your heat date if you have selected the wrong Faculty date. If you are unable to take part on a particular date, please let us know as soon as possible by emailing matthew.coleman@kcl.ac.uk.
- The judges' decision is final, both for the Faculty heats and for the King's Grand Final.
- 3MT prize money (£500 or £250) is to be used for research, conference, or public engagement activity expenses only.
- The Centre for Doctoral Studies can offer support to the King's Grand Finalist, in preparation for the national Vitae 3MT final, should this be requested.

Places are strictly limited to 20 per heat and are first come, first served, so [select the right heat for your faculty and book now:](#)

<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Faculty of Life Sciences & Medicine	Tuesday 9 March 10:00-12:00
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Faculty of Dentistry, Oral & Craniofacial Sciences▪ Faculty of Natural & Mathematical Sciences▪ Florence Nightingale Faculty of Nursing, Midwifery & Palliative Care	Thurs 11 March 10:00-12:00
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Faculty of Arts & Humanities▪ King's Business School▪ Dickson Poon School of Law▪ Faculty of Social Science & Public Policy	Tuesday 16 March 10:00-12:00
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology & Neuroscience	Thurs 18 March 10:00-12:00

Next steps

Once you have booked your place via [SkillsForge](#), please send the following to matthew.coleman@kcl.ac.uk as soon as possible:

- Your Faculty and Department
- The thesis title that you wish to use for your presentation
- Your single static PowerPoint slide in widescreen (16:9) format (please do not use any slide transition or other animations and remember to [follow the guidance carefully](#))
- Your pre-recorded Three Minute Thesis presentation which will be used as a backup in case of emergency only (i.e. poor network connection - you will be expected to make your 3MT presentation live on the day via Microsoft Teams, and your slide will be set up and ready to go, for the judges to watch and listen to you)

Please contact matthew.coleman@kcl.ac.uk if you have any questions or would like any additional information.