



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Poster Competition and Three Minute Thesis (3MT)

March 24-27, 2026

Poster Competition

As a part of the activities celebrating **Graduate Student Appreciation Week**, the School of Graduate Studies, Research and Continuing Education will host its **Poster Competition** on **Thursday, March 26, 2026 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Al Lawson Jr. Multipurpose Center**. All masters and doctoral students are invited to participate in the **Poster Competition** by submitting an **abstract of 300 words or less and one static slide to the Graduate Student Appreciation Week Canvas**. **Abstracts should be in a Microsoft Word document and must contain the title of your research, full name of the presenting author, and department, school, or college.**

3MT Competition

The Three Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition will take place on Friday, March 27, 2026 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Al Lawson Jr. Multipurpose Center. The 3MT celebrates the exciting research that is being conducted by our master's and doctoral students. Developed by the University of Queensland, the exercise cultivates students' academic, presentation, and research communication skills. The competition supports their capacity to effectively explain their research in three minutes, in a language appropriate to a non-specialist audience using **a single static PowerPoint slide that will be displayed during their three minute presentation. The slide must NOT contain animations, transitions, video or audio files, and it must be submitted to the 2026 Graduate Student Appreciation Week Canvas.**

Please visit www.threeminutethesis.org/ for more information on 3MT Competitions.

Eligibility Requirements

Enrollment Status

Applicants must be a currently enrolled Florida A&M University (FAMU) student.

Academic Level

Applicants must be enrolled in a master's or doctoral degree program.

Grade Point Average (GPA)

Applicants must have a **minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0**

AWARDS

The prizes for the winners of both competitions will be as follows:

Poster Competitions & 3MT Competitions
1 st Place: \$500
2 nd Place: \$350
3 rd Place: \$250

Submission Deadline

The abstract for the Poster and 3MT Competitions must be submitted by **11:59 p.m., Friday, March 6, 2026. A single PowerPoint slide must accompany the abstract.**

Abstract Selection and Notification

Students whose abstracts have been accepted for the competitions, will be notified via email by **Monday, March 16, 2026.**

Deadlines and Dates at-a-Glance

March 6, 2026	Abstract and Single PowerPoint due by 11:59 p.m.
March 16, 2026	Accepted Abstracts Notification to Students
March 24 - March 27, 2026	Graduate Student Appreciation Week
March 26, 2026	Poster Competition
March 27, 2026	3MT Competition
March 30, 2026	3MT Competition and Poster Competition Winners Announcement

How to join the Canvas Course for abstract submissions

Step 1) Complete the 3MT & Poster Competition Survey by pasting this link in your search bar:
https://famu.co1.qualtrics.com/fe/form/SV_en5BT3dw0woYdAa

REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE ON FEBURARY 27TH

Step 2) Once you complete the survey, you will be added to the Canvas Page.

Step 3) Once you are on the Canvas Page, click on the assignments Tab and upload your abstract and slide under the appropriate tabs.