

# Assistant Vice-President's Welcome Message Transcript | University of Guelph 3MT Campus Final 2020

## **Transcript:**

Hello everyone, my name is Doctor Ben Bradshaw. I serve as the Assistant Vice-President for graduate studies at the University of Guelph. Thank you for visiting the University 3MT final competition, which this year is being held virtually, just as I'm filming this in my backyard.

The first 3MT competition was held at the University of Queensland in 2008, with 160 students competing. Since then, the popularity of the competition has increased and 3MT competitions are held in over 600 universities across 65 countries worldwide.

As you know, graduate students have 3 minutes to present a compelling oration on their thesis and its significance. The 3MT is not an exercise in trivializing or dumbing down research, but instead challenges students to consolidate their ideas and research discoveries so they can be presented concisely to a non-specialist audience.

This year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are holding a virtual University final competition in which the top two students from each of our seven colleges compete. The winner will go on to represent the University of Guelph at a virtual regional final at the University of Windsor later this summer.

The students' videos below will be available for two weeks and evaluated by a distinguished panel of judges from campus and the Guelph community. Information about this year's judges is provided below.

In addition, you are encouraged to vote for your favourite using the link below as the student with the most votes will receive the People's Choice Award. Once judging is complete, we will announce the winners in a virtual event.

We hope that you enjoy these videos and are inspired by the amazing research that graduate students at the University of Guelph are completing. Cheers.

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