Three Minute Paper Competition
APPLICATION GUIDE: 2024

What is a 3 minute paper?

There's so much to say about my research – can I do it in 3 minutes? *THAT'S THE CHALLENGE!*

Good 3-minute talks are focused, succinct, insightful, engaging, & clear.

Explain the purpose of your work, your research question, your (preliminary) findings, the significance of your research.

Presentations are delivered to a live audience and panel of judges in Nozhem Theatre in the First Peoples' House of Learning.

Application: Student details

Application form available on www.trentu.ca/3mp. You will be required to provide your name and contact information as well as these details:

- Year of Study
- College or campus affiliation (open to students in Ptbo and Durham-GTA)
- Supervising Faculty or Course Professor name and email
- Project type and Course code/Discipline

You will also have to acknowledge and agree to terms about intellectual property, confidentiality, and use of photos/videos.

Application: Project Details

1. Create An appealing Title

- Avoid highly technical language or jargon
- Link to how research is interesting or important
- Some past titles:
    - The ABCs of "None of the Above" Multiple Choice Items
    - Birth Defects Caused by Heavy Metals: The Potential Protein Perpetrator
    - Uncovering the Mysteries of Batten Disease through an Amoeba
    - Bringing Fingerprints to Light: A Comparison
    - Snail Tales: Can Ancestral Stress Shape Shells of The Future?

2. Provide a concise description of the research (200 words max.)

- Focused and clear description of the research
    - Identify purpose of your research and your research question
    - Briefly explain methods, theoretical framework, or types of evidence, depending on your field of research
    - Describe and explain your findings/results (can be preliminary), argument (can be developing), recommendations (if applicable)
- Consider these questions

- What do you want to know?
- Why do you want to know it?
- How did/will you do it?
- What did you find?
- What's the key message?
- How do you know?

3. Share an honest and reflective statement about your interest in the event (3 sentences)

Tell us why you want to participate

- Are you really excited about your research?
- Are others really excited about your research?
- Do you enjoy presenting to groups?
- Do you wish to develop your presentation skills?
- Are you looking for a deadline or a push to complete your project?
- Are you looking for a new way to think about your research?
- Do you want to add this experience to your resume or applications to grad school?

4. Follow up with a short video about why your research is interesting for a general audience

- Explain the significance of your research – within the discipline and beyond.
- Consider your audience and how your research may connect to their existing knowledge, their daily lives, or their interests.
  - Why it your research interesting?
  - Why is your research important ?
- A simple recording from your phone or laptop works. If you plan to share via google drive, be sure to set permissions for anyone with link. Send it to 3mp@trentu.ca

Application Assessment

- All applications will be reviewed and considered based on clarity of project description, explanation of project significance, and demonstration of student interest. See competition judging criteria for further information.
- We aim to include participants from a range of disciplines, campuses and colleges.
- Applicants may be required to participate in a phone or video interview prior to selection.
- All participants must have support from their faculty supervisor or course instructor.

Application Deadline

Online form: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 4pm EST

Video follow-up: Friday, January 26, 2024 at 11:59pm EST

Event Date

Wednesday, March 6, 2024 – 7pm in Nozhem Theatre, First Peoples' House of Learning