Q – What proportion of my degree has to have a research component for me to be eligible to compete?
A – You are eligible to compete in the Ryerson competition if your degree involves a thesis, dissertation or MRP. However, MRP students will not be eligible to compete in the Ontario or National competition as per the University of Queensland rules and regulations.

Q – I was a student at the time of my competition at my university, but will graduate before the Ontario competition. Am I eligible to enter?
A – Yes. If you are eligible at the time of your university’s competition, you will remain eligible for the Ontario competition, regardless of your program status.

Q – I have participated in the 3MT® before. Can I participate more than once?
A – As long as you didn’t win your University final you are welcome to enter again.

Q – Can I present my oration via Skype?
A – No. Also, the winner will also be expected to attend the Ontario competition in person.

Q – Can I present my oration as a poem, rap or song?
A – No, 3MT® is primarily about developing students’ oration skills.

Q – Can I use a laser pointer or note cards?
A – No.

Q – Does my slide have to be in Power-Point?
A – PowerPoint is the preferred format as all slides will be collated into a single PowerPoint presentation.
Q – How many transitions or animations can I have in my slide?
A – None, the slide must be static and not change in any way during the presentation. Your slide must be displayed for the duration of your presentation.

Q – Do I have to use a slide?
A – No, the slide is optional as the emphasis is on the oration.

Q – What happens if my presentation is longer than 3 minutes?
A – In all finals a 30 second warning will be provided to competitors (and a bell will sound at the three minute limit. If a presenter continues to speak after the bell they will be automatically disqualified.

Q – Is there a dress code?
A – There is no stipulated dress requirement such as “smart casual”. Please wear whatever is comfortable. NO COSTUMES (including hats, masks, etc).

Q – Will I be able to see a countdown timer at my final?
A – Depending on the room and AV that is provided we will attempt to provide a countdown timer.

Q – Can I win more than one category?
A – Yes, it is possible to win a place (1st or runner up) and win the People’s Choice Award (or for the Ontario competition, the Participants’ Choice Award).

Q – What is the People’s Choice Award?
A – This is a winner that is selected by either the audience or the competitors (not the judges).

Q – What happens if I cannot attend the Final?
A – The winner of each heat or final is expected to represent Ryerson University at the next stage of the competition. If the winner is unable to attend the final, the runner-up will proceed to the next round of the competition.