

ICREMV 2026

International Conference on Real Estate Management and Valuation
27–30 October 2026 | Waters Edge, Battaramulla

3-MINUTE THESIS (3MT®) COMPETITION | OFFICIAL GUIDELINES

1. About the Competition

The 3-Minute Thesis (3MT®) Competition, held as part of ICREMV 2026, challenges postgraduate research students to present the significance of their research to a non-specialist audience in a compelling, accessible manner - in just three minutes and with a single static slide. The competition cultivates students' academic, presentation, and communication skills, and celebrates the exciting research being undertaken by postgraduate candidates in real estate management, valuation disciplines.

2. Eligibility

- Open to currently enrolled postgraduate research candidates (MPhil, PhD, or research-based MSc) at a recognized university or higher education institution.
- The research presented must be the candidate's own original work, undertaken under formal academic supervision.
- Both early-stage and advanced-stage candidates may apply, provided sufficient research progress has been made to support a coherent 3-minute presentation.
- Each applicant must submit a supervisor-endorsed abstract (see Sections 3 and 5).
- A candidate may submit only one abstract, based on their own registered research topic.

3. Selection Process

Selection for the final presentation stage takes place in two steps:

1. Abstract Submission & Screening - All applicants submit a completed Abstract Template (max. 300 words) together with a signed Supervisor's Endorsement Form by the stated deadline. The Organizing Committee reviews all submissions for eligibility, clarity, and adherence to format.
2. Selection Interview - Applicants who pass the initial screening are invited to a short interview with the 3MT Committee. The interview assesses the applicant's grasp of their research, communication ability, and readiness to present within the 3-minute format. Based on the interview, the final list of presenters is confirmed.

Only candidates confirmed through this process will be scheduled to be present at the live 3MT Competition during ICREMV 2026.

4. Presentation Format & Rules

- Time limit: 3 minutes exactly. Presenters exceeding 3 minutes will be stopped and disqualified from placing.
- One single static PowerPoint slide is permitted. No slide transitions, animations, video, or sound files.

- The presentation must be spoken word and delivered from memory (notes are not permitted on stage).
- Presentations are to be delivered in English, in a manner understandable to a non-specialist audience.
- The decision of the adjudication panel is final.

5. Abstract & Endorsement Submission

- Complete the official Abstract Submission Template (300 words maximum, single paragraph, no citations/figures/tables).
- Have your abstract endorsed and signed by your principal supervisor using the Supervisor's Endorsement Form.
- Submit both documents together as a single PDF via the CMT submission portal before the deadline stated in Section 6.
- File naming: 3MT_[Surname]_[FirstName]_Abstract and 3MT_[Surname]_[FirstName]_Endorsement.

6. Key Dates

Milestone	Date
Abstract & Endorsement Form submission deadline	25 th July
Screening outcome notified to applicants	25 th August
Selection interviews	25 th September
Confirmation of final presenters	10 th October
Presentation slide (PPT) submission deadline	20 th October
3MT Competition (live presentations)	27–30 October 2026, Waters Edge, Battaramulla

7. Judging Criteria

Presentations will be evaluated by an adjudication panel against the following criteria:

- Comprehension & Content - Did the presentation clearly explain the research, its significance, and its outcomes/potential outcomes in an engaging way, understandable to a non-specialist audience?
- Engagement - Did the presentation capture and maintain the audience's attention?
- Communication Style - Was the language, pace, and delivery clear, confident, and well-structured, with effective use of the single static slide?

8. Awards

Winners will be recognized with certificates and prizes at the ICREMV 2026 closing/award session.

9. Contact

For questions regarding the 3MT Competition, abstract templates, or the endorsement form, please contact the ICREMV 2026 3MT Organizing Committee through the official conference communication channels.