

“My Thesis in 3 minutes in French!” – Contest

Registration is now open!

Every year, during the **Francophonie Festival**, Embassies members of the Organisation Internationale de La Francophonie and present in Ireland come together to organise events promoting French language and shared values. In 2019, 26 Embassies are involved in the organisation of the festival.

Following the success of the two first editions, we are delighted to organise the third edition of “**My Thesis in 3 minutes... in French!**” contest. It is inspired by the “Three-minute thesis (3MTMC)” organised for the first time in Australia in 2008. A French version was launched in Canada in 2012 and an international French-speaking competition started in 2014.

The contest is open to all disciplines and all nationalities!

Presentations:

All speakers will be **doctoral students**. Each of them will be presenting his/her dissertation subject **in French in 3 minutes (180 seconds)** for a general and non-specialist public, explaining how his/her research was conducted. The countdown timer will be set on 180 seconds. A bell and a time-keeper will be present onstage with the speaker. There will be no stop/pause. Speakers are allowed to look at the timer.

Presentations have to be clear, concise and convincing. No materials are allowed, except notes: no laser, no specific clothes, etc. Speakers may interact with the public if they wish. **Only one slide** (not animated) **is allowed** in a PowerPoint (.ppt) or image (.jpg, 300 dpi) format. No audio or video supports are permitted.

Eligibility:

You must be a PhD student registered in an Irish Higher Education Institution from any discipline (sciences, humanities). All nationalities are welcome!

Participation:

Each PhD student must fill in the attached form or register [online](#), after informing their supervisors and sponsors. Application forms and slides must be sent to science@ambafrance-ie.org **before Wednesday 28th February**. The competition will be organised on Wednesday 13th March at 6.30pm in Royal College Surgeons, Ireland.

Jury:

The jury will be composed of Francophone academics, professionals of scientific communication and media, living in Ireland. Conflict of interests will be avoided.

Criteria:

The same criteria used in the international competition will apply:

1. **Speech** (voice, rhythm, fluidity, gesture, presence on scene, interaction with public, actual context of the subject, raising public curiosity, passion, personal experience, humour)
2. **Outreaching** (accessibility of language, relevance of titles/examples/metaphors and added-value of the slide)
3. **Structure** (clarity, originality, context, chain of ideas, and balance between parts of the speech)
4. **Bonus** (something exceptional in the speech)

Prizes:

Three prizes will be awarded for the best presentations.

More information about *the Francophonie Festival* can be found [here](#).