## **Developing Science Communication Skills of Graduate Students with 3MT**

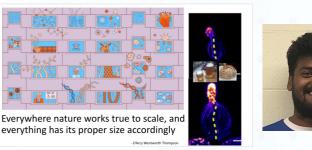
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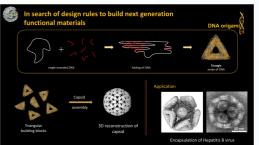
The Brandeis MRSEC co-sponsored and organized the Brandeis University's inaugural 3 Minute Thesis (3MT) competition to promote science communication skills of graduate students. 3MT is a speaking competition designed to showcase graduate student research in three-minute talks to a general audience.

To support 3MT participants, the MRSEC science communication resource, the SciComm Lab, hosted a workshop series on distilling a thesis project into three minutes and crafting the required single static slide as well as offering one-on-one coaching for 3MT competitors.

Competitors are judged on their ability to be describe their research's significance and impact meaning that MRSEC research was being spread in an accessible manner to the broad Brandeis community. Furthermore, the winning 3MT presentations goes on to represent Brandeis University at regional competitions, further expanding awareness and understanding of materials science research.

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Brandeis MRSEC graduate students are restricted to one static slide and three minutes to describe their materials science research to a broad audience.