**Background**

T1-T4 in 3 (Minutes) is a cross-collaborative effort between the IIMS Community Health Advisory Board, Office of Research Education & Mentoring, and Community Engagement. This virtual challenge highlights multidisciplinary research projects that fall within the spectrum translational science.

Presenters share their research in 3 minutes to a live, mixed audience of community members, students, and faculty – with 1 slide. Presentations must be made with language and concepts that are compelling and easy to understand without a lot of scientific jargon.

**Presenter Categories**Category 1: Community Members - Community members who have worked in partnership with a UT Health SA investigator on a community engaged research project.

Category 2: IIMS Translational Science Programs *-* Includes students and trainees from:

* Mentored Research Career Development (K12)
* Translational Science Training (T32)
* Translational Science PhD (TS PhD)
* Master of Science in Clinical Investigation and Translational Science (MSCI-TS)

**Rules**

* A single static PowerPoint slide is permitted - no slide transitions or animations.
* Power Point poster slides will not be accepted.
* Only 1 presenter per submission.
* All presentations must be live. Prerecorded presentations will not be accepted.
* Do not read from notes. Reading notes will result in disqualification.
* Presentations are to be spoken (e.g. no poems, raps, or songs).
* No additional electronic media (e.g. sound and video files) are permitted.
* No additional props (e.g. costumes, musical instruments, lab equipment) permitted.
* Presentations are limited to 3 minutes maximum. Time starts when you first speak.

**Travel Awards**

Category 1 (Community) - $500

Category 2 (Students and Trainees): 1st place - $750 | 2nd place - $500 | 3rd place - $250

**Judging the Presentations**

Members of the IIMS Community Health Advisory Board will serve as judges. Each presenter will be assessed on their presentation, content, and engagement. See the judging rubric table below.

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| **Presentation: Rate the presenter’s ability to…** |  |
| Convey a complex scientific topic to non-researchers | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Not trivialize/generalize their research | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Show enthusiasm for their research | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Use one slide to enhance the presentation | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| **Engagement: How well did the presenter…** |  |
| Capture and maintain your attention? | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Maintain stage presence and confidence? | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| **Content: How well did the presenter…** |  |
| Follow a clear and logical sequence? | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Avoid scientific jargon, explain terminology, and provide adequate background information to illustrate points? | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Provide background about the research question and its significance to human health? | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Clearly describe the key results including outcomes and conclusions. | 1 2 3 4 5 |

**On the Day of the Event**

Follow the agenda to see when it is your turn to present. Do not introduce yourself. We will announce your name, read your bio, and share your slide. Your slide will be removed after 3 minutes. Thereafter, judges will take a few minutes to score your presentation.

**Next Steps**

1. [Register here](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fall-2025-t1-to-t4-in-3-minutes-challenge-tickets-1629058851879?aff=oddtdtcreator).
2. Send a photo, short 3-4 sentence bio, presentation title, and a copy of your slide to: [IIMS-CE@uthscsa.edu](mailto:IIMS-CE@uthscsa.edu) by **Friday. Sept 26th at 8am.** If we do not receive these items by then you will be removed from the competition.