
Event Info

Friday, Sept. 4, 2026, from 9:00 to 10:30am

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 of 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 and Awards

This event is open to students/trainees in a Translational Science program of study at UT Health San Antonio. Community members who are part of a community-academic partnership who have received IIMS funding to conduct a community-engaged research project (i.e. CE Small Project Grants) are also eligible.

Contestant categories include:

1. Community Members
2. Translational Science Graduate Students (includes MSCI, PhD, and T32 Pre-docs)
3. T32 Post Docs
4. K12 Faculty

Winners will receive a \$500 travel award to attend a professional conference or training.

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 immediate 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.

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.

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.

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

Registration

Interested contestants should upload the following [HERE by Aug. 31, 2026 at 8am](#).

1. Headshot photo
2. 3-4 sentence bio
3. Copy of your slide

If we do not receive these items by then you will be removed from the competition. No exceptions.

Winners

Student and trainee winners will be eligible to advance to the state competition scheduled for Sept. 28-29, 2026, at UT Medical Branch in Galveston. Here, they will present in person to a live audience.

Contact Info

For more info reach out to IIMS-CE@uthscsa.edu or reach out to your respective program coordinator: