



University of Oviedo



Additional Rules for the “Three Minute Thesis” Competition – SAAEI 2026

1. Competition Guidelines

- 1.1. Participants will have three minutes to present their research topic, objectives, identified problems, the research's contribution to solving those problems, and the impact their work will have on society and the academic and research community in particular.
- 1.2. Participants who exceed the three-minute limit will be automatically disqualified.
- 1.3. The research presentation must be delivered in prose and in Spanish or English. Only one static slide may be used as a supporting element, and the university's name must not be identified. The use of any other elements, such as video or audio files, or accessories such as laboratory equipment, musical instruments, clothing, etc., is not permitted. Lecterns are not allowed. Interaction with the audience that involves active dialogue between both parties is also prohibited (asking rhetorical questions does not constitute interaction with the audience)

2. Evaluation criteria

The jury will evaluate the presentations of the participating PhD candidates based on two main categories, each scored from 1 to 10.

2.1. Comprehension and content

The clarity in presenting the research context, the relevance of objectives and results, the coherence of the speech, the use of language accessible to a non-specialized audience, the quality of the information provided, and the appropriate use of time will be evaluated. The suitability of the content to the field of knowledge will also be considered.

2.2. Commitment and communication

The ability to generate interest without trivializing the content, the enthusiasm conveyed, the ability to capture and maintain the audience's attention, the effective use of eye contact and voice, and the quality of the supporting slide (clear, legible, and concise) will be assessed.

The final score will be the sum of both categories.

3. Jury

The jury will consist of at least three people appointed by the SAAEI 2026 Organizing Committee and IEEE-WiE. Their decisions will be final and will be announced when determined by the SAAEI 2026 Organization.

4. Note of recognition

This competition is organized following the guidelines established by the activity known as “Three Minute Thesis” developed by The University of Queensland, Australia, whose logo is shown below.

