Three Minute Thesis Competition
Finals
Friday, Nov. 13, 2026, 12:00PM

Judges:

- Seemee Ali, Executive Director and President, Dallas Institute of Humanities and Culture
- Maddy Kulkarni, Fractional CMO and Strategist, Citizen Marketing Group
- Kelsey Kiser, Founder and CEO of KCreative
- Bryan Rodriguez, Intellectual Property Patent Agent, Alston & Bird

Competitors:

1. Moath Qandil, Electrical Engineering PhD: “Can a Virtual Battery Save a Real One?”
2. Julia Savage, Molecular and Cellular Biology PhD: “The Small but Mighty: HPV E6*I”
3. Syakira Wijaya, Psychology PhD: “Digital Pacifier: What Are We Missing?”
4. Amira Khedewy, Mechanical Engineering PhD: “Tiny Surgeons in Your Pocket: Microrobots for Treating Vitreous Hemorrhage”
5. Cassandra Hatfield, Education Leadership Ed.D.: “Dyslexia Doesn’t End When Intervention Does”
6. Masoud Deylami, Mechanical Engineering PhD: “Can AI Tell If We Can Build It?”
7. Rylee Davis, Theoretical and Computational Chemistry PhD: “Can a Tiny Molecule Do a Big Job? Fighting Alzheimer’s Disease in a Smaller and Smarter Way”
8. Sevda Zafarmandi, Electrical Engineering PhD: “The Brain’s Hidden Conversations”
9. Imasha Saparamadu, Computational and Applied Mathematics PhD: “A Tiny Worm, a Big Mystery: Can Mathematics Uncover the Secrets of Aging?”