



NZIFST Conference 2025

3 Minute Pitch Competition

Sponsored by the University of Otago

Wednesday 25th June
Session F2 – 11am – 12.30pm
Seminar Room



The 3MP Session Rules:

- You must be a current financial STUDENT MEMBER of the NZIFST. [Join Us » NZIFST](#)
- ONE single static PowerPoint slide is permitted. No slide animations or 'movement' of any description are allowed.
- No additional electronic media (e.g. sound and video files) are permitted.
- No additional props (e.g. costumes, musical instruments, laboratory equipment) are permitted.
- Presentations are considered to have commenced when a presenter starts their presentation.
- Presentations are limited to 3 minutes maximum and competitors exceeding 3 minutes will be disqualified.
- There will be NO questions as part of the judging criteria. Questions for all presenters will be conducted at the end of the session, coordinated by the session Chair / Competition organiser. Other contestants may not ask questions.
- Results will be determined by the average score from the Judges according to the judging criteria. Results will be reviewed by the Competition organiser, and may be moderated if necessary (e.g., in the case of any obvious discrepancies in judges' marks, either very low or very high).
- The decision of the adjudicating panel is final.
- Any questions with regards to the 3MP, please email to programme@nzifst.org.nz
- Any questions with regards to your NZIFST membership, please email wendy@nzifst.org.nz

Judging Criteria

The following criteria will guide the judge's decisions:

Comprehension & Content

- Did the presentation provide an understanding of the background and significance to the work, while explaining terminology and avoiding jargon?
- Did the presentation clearly describe the impact and industry relevance/or results of the work, including conclusions and outcomes?
- Did the presentation follow a clear and logical sequence?
- Was the topic, significance, results/impact and outcomes communicated in language appropriate to a non-specialist audience
- Did the presenter spend adequate time on each element of their presentation - or did they elaborate for too long on one aspect or was the presentation rushed?

Engagement & Communication

- Did the oration make the audience want to know more?
- Was the presenter careful not to trivialise or generalise?
- Did the presenter convey enthusiasm?
- Did the presenter capture and maintain their audience's attention?
- Did the speaker have sufficient stage presence, eye contact and vocal range; maintain a steady pace, and have a confident stance?
- Did the PowerPoint slide enhance the presentation - was it clear, legible, and concise?