First developed by The University of Queensland, the Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) competition challenges students to communicate the significance of their projects to a non-specialist audience in just three minutes.

All graduate students* (professional and PhD) at McDonnell Academy partner universities are invited to complete in the 3MT® competition at their institution for a chance to compete live at the Symposium. Students must present a 3MT® in one of the following thematic areas:

- Agriculture, Food & Water, Climate Change
- Energy & Environment
- Public Health & Aging

*3MT contestants must also be enrolled in a full-time graduate program at the time of the Symposium in October 2018.

15 finalists from all submissions will be chosen. Prizes include:

- $2000 | Finalists receive financial support to attend the McDonnell International Scholars Academy Symposium in Beijing, China (airfare and hotel only)
- $1000 | 3 first place prizes awarded at the Symposium, one per theme
- $500 | 3 "People’s Choice" prizes awarded at the Symposium, one per theme

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- Wednesday, August 15: Finalists will be announced
- Saturday, October 13: Finalists will compete live at the Symposium

The McDonnell International Scholars Academy’s 7th International Symposium will bring together 35 premier partner universities united in addressing the world’s most critical problems of the 21st century. It will feature discussions on research in particular themes, and discussions of how research universities can foster the collaborative efforts required to address complex global challenges.