



2026 School of Translational Medicine 3MT Competition

Date: Monday 25 May 2026
Time: 2:30pm-3:30pm
Venue: Lecture Theatre, Level 5, The Alfred Centre

Program

- 14:30** Participants and judges arrive
- 14:32** Welcome by Chair, Professor Nicola Harris
- 14:35** Chair to introduce panel of judges
Judging Panel: Prof Nigel Jones, A/Prof Cyril Seillet, Dr Claudia Bruedigam, Ms Toni Brient
- 14:40** **Lakshini Gunasekera**
Supervisors: Jayashri Kulkarni, Elspeth Hutton, Shobi Sivathamboo, Helmut Butzkueven, Terence O'Brien
Topic: Neglected aspects of migraine care
Department: Psychiatry
- 14:45** **Amir Roointan**
Supervisors: Christoph Hagemeyer, Simon Corrie, Rong Xu, Karen Maria Alt
Topic: Turning Hidden Kidney Damage into Visible Signals
Department: Diabetes
- 14:50** **Kelly Cairns**
Supervisors: Anton Peleg, Andrew Udy, Michael Dooley, Trisha Peel
Topic: The dose makes the cure: Optimising daptomycin for VRE bloodstream infections
Department: Infectious Diseases
- 14:55** **Alicia Lu**
Supervisors: Velandai Srikanth, Richard Beare, Taya Collyer, Christopher Moran
Topic: Using AI and electronic health record data to develop models for dementia detection in Australian hospitals
Department: Medicine (Peninsula)

- 15:00** **Connor Anderson**
Supervisors: Iain Abbott, Anton Peleg, Cornelia Landersdorfer
Topic: Bladder Safe Than Sorry: Turning UTI Models into UTI Cures
Department: Infectious Diseases
- 15:05** **Jen Fach**
Supervisors: Brian Drew, Yi Wang
Topic: Identifying a Hidden Brain Switch That Controls Blood Sugar
Department: Baker
- 15:10** **Elaina Vlassopoulos**
Supervisors: Glenn Yamakawa, Richelle Mychasiuk
Topic: Does the Vestibular System Influence Circadian Rhythms?
Department: Neuroscience
- 15:15** **Tomasz Block**
Supervisors: Merlin Thomas, Mark Cooper
Topic: How sweet is the kidney?
Department: Diabetes
- 15:20** Panel will take a 5 minute break to deliberate scores.
Audience to complete people's choice ballot.
- 15:25** Prof Nicola Harris, Graduate Research Coordinator to announce the prize winners
- 1st place \$300
 - Runner up \$200
 - People's choice \$50
- 15:30** Program ends