

Oral Presentation Guidelines

Emerging Researchers National (ERN) Conference in STEM

A. Schedule, Setup & Equipment

🕒 **Total presentation time: 15 minutes — 10 minutes for the presentation, 5 minutes for Q&A (may extend Q&A if time allows).**

⚠️ **Arriving more than 5 minutes late will result in forfeiture of your presentation slot.** Rooms are equipped with laptops and LCD projectors. Bring your presentation on a USB drive.

1. **Presenters will be assigned a specific room, presentation set-up time, and presentation time slot in advance.**
2. **Your set-up time is used to upload your presentation and test your slides on the room equipment.**

B. Judging Criteria

Oral presentations will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- **Quality and relevance of the abstract.**
- **Content:** Your presentation should clearly address each of the following elements:
 - Research objectives and significance
 - Hypothesis or problem statement
 - Methods and controls
 - Results
 - Conclusions and future directions
 - References and acknowledgements
- **Graphics:** Slides and visuals should be simple, bold, and self-explanatory. Photographs must clearly highlight relevant details. All graphics should reinforce, not replace, your verbal presentation.
- **Presentation:** Demonstrate a solid understanding of the study and its broader context. Respond to questions clearly and confidently.
- **Adherence to the time limit**

C. Tips for a Strong Presentation

- Slides and photos should be self-explanatory and designed to support your spoken narrative, not substitute for it.
- Label all graph and chart axes clearly and include units wherever applicable.
- Project your voice so the entire room can hear you comfortably. Avoid speaking toward the screen.
- Practice your timing beforehand to ensure your presentation fits within the 10-minute limit.

Questions? Please email ernconference@aaas.org.