

Information Regarding Student Presentations

The FIU McNair Scholars Research Conference was established to give undergraduate students the opportunity to present their work in an interdisciplinary forum so that they might participate in a valuable experience and receive important feedback in the form of constructive criticism and expert advice. The specifications below are meant to ensure uniformity among presentations while allowing individual researchers and teams to shine through their creative projects. Adherence to these guidelines will contribute to final scores at judging time. Awards will be given for best poster and best oral presentation.

Poster Presentations

Dimensions: Posters should be no larger than 36 inches x 48 inches (either landscape or portrait orientation) and must be printed electronically. Only one poster per submitted abstract is allowed. An easel and backing will be provided to hold your poster.

Content: Posters must include the following:

- The title of the poster, name of the participant(s), and location where the research was performed.
- The subject under consideration and its significance
- The means and materials used
- A summary of the results presented in sufficient detail to support the conclusions
- The significance of the results and their applicability to broader fields of knowledge
- In addition to clear and grammatical writing, posters can and should include electronically produced figures, tables and/or charts.
- Poster content should be presented at a size so that text and graphics are legible from three feet.

Set up: Posters should be delivered to the Everglades Hall between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Friday, October 20th. Posters are expected to remain on display until the end of the presentation session. Students should collect their posters at the end of their poster presentation session. Unclaimed posters will not be returned.

Judging: Poster presenters must be present throughout the entire poster presentation session for judging. Judges will consider every poster, carefully, and may ask the presenters questions, for clarification. Presenters should remain standing alongside their poster until all assigned judges have completed their evaluation. Additional helpful suggestions for poster presenters can be found at http://writing.wisc.edu/Handbook/presentations_poster.html.

Oral Presentations

Students need to be at their assigned room location and be prepared to begin their presentations promptly as scheduled. If a presenter is not in the assigned room at the designated time, that presenter will forfeit the opportunity to do the presentation. As a courtesy to others, presenters should arrive at the beginning of the session for which they are scheduled, and should remain throughout the session. Entry to and exit from the presentation area will be restricted during the session.

Presenters will have 10 minutes to present their research and an additional 5 minutes for questions from the audience.

- The presentations will be judged on the following criteria:
- Content
- Appropriate use of presentation technology (PowerPoint slides and similar electronic presentation materials should be submitted in advance of the conference to an email address that will be provided.)
- Presentation effort and performance (including voice projection and proper enunciation)
- The ability to respond, adequately, to questions
- Slide shows must be submitted electronically to <https://www.dropbox.com/request/PcerQNKwLgMlejg2PjUJ> by 1:00 p.m., on Friday, October 13, 2017.