

2009

Presentation Criteria

13th Annual MSCD Undergraduate Psychology Conference

Directions: You may present your research as either an 8-minute oral presentation (with 2 minutes for questions) or a 5-minute poster presentation (with 2 minutes for questions). Please choose which format you would like:

ORAL PRESENTATION: You will have 8 minutes to orally present your data using either a PowerPoint slideshow or overheads. Presenters need to create a PowerPoint slide show or overheads that include the following sections for research presentations: Introduction, methods, results (including graphs and tables), and discussion. For presentations of theoretical research, sections included will vary but may include the following: Introduction, relevant theory, historical background of the topic, and relevant research on the topic. Feel free to use more than one slide for each section of your paper. Try to keep the number of slides you have to fewer than 15; as a general rule of thumb to allow 1 minute per slide.

Advantages: May be easier to make PowerPoint slides than to create a poster. The artistic design of a poster may take more preparation time than a PowerPoint presentation. It provides you with practice making an oral presentation. You are given an additional 3 minutes to present your research. Your PowerPoint presentation may be selected as an example to be included on the departmental web page.

POSTER: Posters should be approximately 30" x 40", with a font size approximately 26 to 30-point, in order for the information to be readable from a distance of 3 - 4 feet. Authors can prepare additional handouts that summarize the work. Each research poster should include the following components: Introduction, methods, results (including graphs and tables), discussion, and references. Theoretical posters should include an Introduction to the topic and sections such as relevant theories, historical background, research conducted on the topic, and references. Please use the posters (from previous MSCD psychology conferences) displayed in the Psychology Department hallway as examples. Posters are more visually appealing when they include graphs, figures, and creative use of color.

Advantages: Your research will be eligible for display in the psychology office. Poster presentations are more common than oral presentations for graduate students at professional conferences. Creating a poster for this conference would provide you with valuable experience useful in graduate school.

Note: Regardless of which form of presentation you choose remember that your faculty mentor will be available to help you with the content, organization, and delivery of your presentation.

