

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

Rules and Judging Criteria

Flash Talks

What is a flash talk?

A flash talk is a very short presentation lasting only a few minutes in which you present a scientific concept or idea in a manner understandable to those outside your immediate field.

Rules –

- A single, static PowerPoint slide is permitted. No slide transitions, animations or movement are allowed. The slide will be presented from the beginning of the talk
- No additional electronic media (e.g. sound and video) or props are allowed
- Presentations are limited to 3 minutes maximum. Exceeding the 3-minute time period will result in disqualification
- The decision of the judging panel is final

The clock begins to run as soon as the presenter begins speaking. The timekeeper will indicate in Zoom when the presentation is within 30 seconds of the time limit. A buzzer will sound at the end of the 3-minute period signifying that the presentation has ended.

Judging Criteria –

Competitors will be judged by a panel of judges using the criteria listed below. The judging panel will be made up of faculty and other postdocs from a variety of disciplines across the university. Each judge scores competitors on a scale of 1 to 10 in each of the 3 categories below.

- **Comprehension & Communication**
Did the presentation communicate the research and its significance effectively?
- **Engagement**
Did the presentation make the audience want to know more?

Tips –

- Make it relevant. Make your audience care about your research by showing how it makes an impact.

- Perfect the timing of your talk. Practice, practice, practice.
- Project your voice and command the space.
- Enjoy yourself!

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