

2017 VPR Fellowship Challenge Rules and Guidelines

Rules

- Only a single PowerPoint slide without animation is allowed. No slide transitions, animations or 'movement' will be allowed.
- No additional electronic media such as sound and video files, etc. are allowed.
- No props or gimmicks such as costumes, musical instruments, laboratory equipment, etc. are permitted.
- Presentations are limited to 3 minutes. Competitors exceeding 3 minutes will be automatically disqualified.
- Presentations can only be spoken word. No poems, raps, songs or dances.
- Presentations must be given from the front of the room, in their entirety.
- Presentations are considered to have begun when a presenter starts their presentation through either movement or speech.
- The PowerPoint slide is due no later than **Friday, February 12th at 5 p.m.** late submissions will be automatically disqualified.
- You must arrive at your specified check in time. Late presenters will be disqualified.
- The decision of the judges is final.

Judging

Presentations will be judged by a panel of multidisciplinary experts who will rate students on the following criteria. Students with the highest scores will be offered the opportunity to become VPR Fellows.

Judging Criteria

Comprehension & Content

- The presentation provided a clear understanding of the background to the research question being addressed and its significance.
- The presentation clearly described the key results of the research including conclusions and outcomes.
- The presentation followed a clear and logical sequence.
- The thesis topic, key results and research significance and outcomes were communicated in language that was appropriate for a non-specialist audience.
- The speaker avoided jargon, explained terminology and provided adequate background information to illustrate the important points.
- The presenter spent adequate time on each element of the presentation.

Engagement & Communication

- The presentation engaged the audience and made the audience want to know more.
- The presenter was careful not to trivialize or generalize their findings.
- The presenter conveyed enthusiasm for their scholarship.
- The presenter captured and maintained their audience's attention.
- The speaker had strong stage presence, eye contact and vocal range; maintained a steady pace, and had a confident stance.
- The PowerPoint slide enhanced the presentation – it was clear, legible, and concise.
- The presentation included creative elements in the PowerPoint and their vocal presentation.

