



2021 Social Work Student Research Symposium

Lightning Round Presentation Guidelines

Purpose

Lightning-style presentations follow a format that encourages short, engaging talks that focus on the key points of a research project and your involvement in it. Lightning-style presentations have been found to be highly effective in distilling and communicating key points. Your presentation should emphasize why the study was done, your active role in it, and implications for social work practice. Talks are three minutes long. This challenges students to consolidate their ideas and research discoveries so they can be presented concisely to a non-specialist audience.

BSW, MSW, and PhD Social Work students are invited to apply. We will host two students from each level. One winner from each level will be chosen to receive a \$50 Amazon Gift Card!

Apply by: Friday, March 12

Submit all materials by: Monday, March 19

Event: Friday, March 26

A practice-session date will be announced after presenters are chosen.

Guidelines

- Presentations must be three minutes in length.
- One speaker per presentation (no groups).
- Electronic media is allowed but not required (e.g. PowerPoint slides).
- Chosen presenters will be required to attend a practice session prior to the event.

Tips



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- If your study has results and conclusions, your presentation should highlight those over methods. However, you do not need results to present your role in the research process.
- Will your presentation help the audience understand the research?
- Is your research topic and its significance communicated in language appropriate to an intelligent but non-specialist audience?
- Will your presentation make the audience want to know more?
- Remember to practice your talk often to ensure you can stay within the three minutes and you are comfortable with slide transitions (if present).
- We refer you to some websites that are focused on lightning-style presentations:
 - [Ignite Talks Website](#)
 - [Ignite Show: Scott Berkun - "Why and How to Give an Ignite Talk", Ep 19.](#)
 - [Giving an Ignite Talk as a Scientist - Cecilia A. Sanchez](#)

The application will ask you to provide:

- Your SW program level
- Research project title and brief description
- Presentation title and summary
- Your (the student's) role in the research project
- Name(s) of WSU faculty member(s) involved

[APPLY HERE](#)

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