Basic Guidelines for All Discover USC Presenter Groups

Poster Presentations
- The minimum size for posters is two feet by three feet (oriented horizontally or vertically), and the recommended poster size is 4 feet high by by 3.5 feet wide. The maximum acceptable poster size is 4 feet by 4 feet, but the edges will curl around the display board if the poster is 4 feet wide. We understand that some presenters might plan to re-use their posters at other conferences with different dimension requirements, so poster sizes may vary within these constraints.
  - Note: Preferred poster sizes may vary for each presenter group, so please be sure to check for specific recommendations.
- We recommend having posters printed by USC Printing Services on vinyl, rather than paper. Medical Scholars may have posters printed at the School of Medicine’s Instrument Resource Facility (printing on fabric is recommended when using IRF; see guidelines).
- There are no specific requirements for Discover USC poster content. We recommend that presenters work with faculty mentors to ensure content is appropriate and effective.

Oral Presentations
Note: The guidelines in this section do not apply to the three-minute thesis presentation option for graduate students, which is addressed below.

- Oral presentation timeslots last 15 minutes. You must be able to launch your slideshow, complete your presentation and question and answer period within that 15-minute time frame. (We recommend allotting 10 minutes for the presentation and 5 minutes for Q&A.)
- Presenters should bring their presentation slideshows on a USB drive for loading on the presentation computer.
- Slideshows may be in PowerPoint or PDF format. We recommend using the widescreen size (16:9) for slides, but the standard size (4:3) format is also allowed. We recommend against using custom slide sizes.
- All oral presenters will have use of a laptop computer outfitted with Microsoft PowerPoint and PDF presentation software, a presentation screen and a remote control to advance slides in their presentation room.

Three-Minute Thesis Presentations
- Presentations are limited to three minutes maximum. Three-minute thesis competitors who exceed three minutes will be disqualified.
- Presenters may use one static PowerPoint slide, with no transitions, animations or movement of any kind.

- Three-minute thesis presenters should submit their presentation slides ahead of time as instructed and bring them on a USB drive for back-up.

- Presenters may not use electronic media, such as sound or video files, or props such as costumes, lab equipment or musical instruments.

**Creative Presentations**

- Creative presentation timeslots last 15 minutes. You must be able to complete your presentation and question and answer period within that 15-minute time frame. (We recommend allotting 10 minutes for the presentation and 5 minutes for Q&A.)

- The presentation must include an introduction and a reflection or conclusion stating what the presenter learned from the creative work presented.

- If the presentation includes a digital component such as a PowerPoint presentation, musical recording, video clip or other, please bring it on a USB drive, DVD or CD. Any accommodations must be requested to ensure the right equipment the day of.