

Presentation Requirements and Tips

Make sure you read these requirements carefully and plan your presentation accordingly. You will be expected to present your research using PowerPoint and you will have 12 minutes total to present. You should leave a couple minutes for questions.

Below are tips for preparing your slide presentation and what should be included on each of your slides. You should keep your presentation to about 8-10 slides (1-2 minutes per slide) and make sure to go back to the presentation suggestions we discussed in the spring.

Content Tips for Presentation Slides

SLIDE 1

One slide with Title of research project, University of Idaho McNair Program, Your Name and Your Faculty mentor's name - this will be up while you are introducing yourself.

SLIDES 2 and 3

You may provide an outline or agenda for your presentation here. You can also use this slide to introduce your topic and perhaps what drew you to it.

Literature Review bullet points - each point is another study or piece of literature that has looked at studies in your general interest area - talk briefly about each and how each has contributed to your particular area of interest. This slide will probably take you the longest to explain but be careful with your time. The results are the most significant thing not the literature review. You just want to provide a context for the audience.

SLIDE 4

One slide that shows your research question (or hypothesis) and why it is important - this can be concluded using the literature review as the foundation - For example: "When looking at the current research in the area of X I noticed there were significant gaps in the theory Y. This study examines one of the gaps to ensure the validity of theory Y. This is important to the field because..."

SLIDES 5 and 6

1-2 slides discussing the research methodology used including details about your sample, methods of collecting data, methods of analyzing data, etc. - For Example: "To test my hypothesis I used the XYZ questionnaire developed and tested by researcher B. This questionnaire uses a 7 point Likert scale and.... My sample consisted of 100 college students at the University of Idaho (and explain why this sample was used instead of another). I had an objective party pass out the questionnaire to students while in class. Students filled out the questionnaire and turned it in. The objective party then turned them all into me and because of this my return rate was 100%. Only 75% of the questionnaires were usable and included in my analysis. To analyze the data I used (explain stats method and tools used to analyze)."

SLIDES 6 and 7

1-2 slides discussing the results of your analysis - talk about results, significance, hypothesis, etc.
- For example: "Based on my analysis I found there was a significant correlation between X and Y, there was no significance between Y and Z, and etc... So, based on my hypothesis, I can conclude...."

SLIDE 8-10

Discuss recommendations for future research - you can talk about limitations here but do it by talking about what should be looked at further - For example "To improve validity of this research I recommend that the same questions be examined using a random sample of 500 adults ages 18-35. This would provide for" etc. Never talk about your research in a negative way even if the results you received were not what you hypothesized. Everything you find out has significance.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS SLIDE

You may use one of your slides for thanking people and acknowledgements. However, do not spend time talking about those on the slide. You wouldn't normally include a slide like this in a regular presentation and your presentation needs to focus on your research. You may use this slide as a background for the question period.

LIMIT YOUR PRESENTATION TO NO MORE THAN 10 SLIDES!!