

PRESENTING YOUR RESEARCH

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WHERE SHOULD I PRESENT?

There are lots of places to present your research, including large conferences (e.g. NASA & WIPSE), graduate student conferences, invited presentations, etc. For large conferences, you often need to apply 6+ months in advance. If possible, consider attending the conference before you apply to give a presentation. When considering where to present your work, ask where the natural places are to present your research.

BENEFITS OF PRESENTING AT CONFERENCES

Learning how to present your research is a critical part of academic work. Additionally, conferences offer amazing opportunities to make connections with other researchers.

SOME TIPS

- Submitting a full panel can sometimes increase your chances of being selected to present at a conference.
- Don't get discouraged if a presentation does not go well, everyone has bad experiences.

CRAFTING AN ENGAGING PRESENTATION

1. Ground Yourself

Introduce yourself robustly.

If you incorporate a land acknowledgment, expand on it as you feel comfortable.

2. Identify Your Overarching Message

Get specific about your research, identify the literature gap.

Focus on a main message.

3. Tell a Story

Use a story to bring your audience in.

Ask, what story or stories do I want to tell?

There is more of an emphasis of storytelling in Indigenous studies than in other fields.

4. Deepen the context

Depth over breadth.

Define your terms.

5. Consider your Media

If using Powerpoint, don't distract with *gifs*.

Use lots of visuals, do not be overly text heavy.

Develop simple slides, make them accessible to your audience.