

COGS GAC Presentation Information

Poster Presentations

Format: Physical poster on the medium of your choice. Please bring your poster with you on the day of the event.

Timeline: Your presentation will include a 3-5 minute summary, followed by 3-minute Q/A session.

Sizing: There is no required size or orientation of the posters. Easels include a 36"x40" corrugated board to secure your poster. Large clips, tapes, etc. will be available to secure your poster. If yours is larger, just let us know as we can still accommodate.

What to Expect on Presentation Day:

This poster adjudication is SCHEDULED. Judges will expect to find presenters available to talk about their poster during the scheduled time. Presenters are strongly encouraged by their station at least 15 minutes before their scheduled time.

The complete room schedule for adjudication will be posted and provided to participants before the event and provided to the judges during judge orientation.

In addition to the scheduled adjudication sessions, ALL poster presenters should be available to the conference attendees at large during the open session as appropriate/scheduled.

During the adjudication sessions:

For presenter's evaluated presentation, presenters will give a 3–5–minute summary presentation of their poster followed by a 3–minute Q/A with judges.

During the open session (if scheduled):

Presenters are encouraged to be near their posters, share their work with all attendees and interact with other presentations. No judging will take place during this session, but participants ARE encouraged to exchange feedback.

Oral Presentations

Format: PowerPoint type presentation - digital

Timeline: Presenters will have 10 minutes to present their work followed by 3 minutes Q/A with audience members and judges. A schedule of individual presentation times will be shared with presenters and posted in each room and online. It is encouraged that presenters be present in assigned rooms 20 minutes prior to scheduled time.

3-Minute Thesis

Format: Digital- 1 single static PowerPoint slide (no transitions). *See full 3MT rules on the COGS GAC webpage

Timeline: Presenters will be given 3 minutes to present their thesis and must abide by the national rules included below:

- One single static PowerPoint slide is permitted, but not required. Slide transitions, animations, or 'movement' of any description of the slide content is not allowed.
- No additional electronic media (e.g., sound and video files) are permitted.
- No additional props (e.g., notecards, scripts, pointers, costumes, musical instruments, laboratory equipment) are permitted.
- Presentations are limited to 3:00 minutes maximum and competitors exceeding 3:00 minutes are disqualified.
- Presentations are to be spoken (e.g., no poems, raps, or songs).
- Presentations are considered to have commenced when a presenter begins through movement or speech.

Examples can be found at: <https://mags-net.org/three-minute-thesis-award/>

Uploading (Digital) Presentations for the Conference:

- All digital Oral & 3MT presentation materials should be uploaded by February 8, 2026. *Email us at gac@cogs.msu.edu if you have difficulties or need assistance.
- Digital materials uploaded by the deadline will be available on the computer being used in the scheduled adjudication room.
- Presenters should also bring a copy of their presentation slides on a USB drive if unforeseen technological difficulties occur preventing access to the submitted presentation.

✓ [Judging Evaluation Rubrics – click here!](#)