

InterLACE Slide Presentation Guide

Presenting at Nova Southeastern University's **InterLACE Research Showcase** allows NSU faculty, clinicians, students, and research staff to present their interdisciplinary and/or interprofessional collaborative research in an oral presentation format.

InterLACE slide presentations will be a **maximum of 15 minutes** with additional time for questions. A good plan for a 15-minute presentation is 1 minute per slide, 15 slides maximum.

Presenters typically utilize a PowerPoint (PPT) slideshow to organize their presentation, and presenters are encouraged to use the "InterLACE Slide Presentation Template" located in the **Materials & Guides** dropdown [here](#).

For an example slide deck, please consult the "InterLACE Slide Presentation Sample" located in the **Materials & Guides** dropdown [here](#).

Purpose of an Oral Research Presentation:

- Disseminate information to advance knowledge
- Compare research findings to literature in the field
- Build a professional network for future research collaborations

Pre-Presentation Tips:

Determine a game plan. Ask yourself:

- **Who is your audience?** Not everyone is an expert in your field, so try to limit technical jargon or be sure to define key words and phrases unique to your work
- **Why are you giving the presentation?** Disseminate research findings, engage with other researchers, spark future collaborations, etc.
- **What do you want the audience to learn?** Think about your "take-home" message (consider including this in a "Conclusion" slide)
- **How much time do you have?** A general rule is one slide per minute, so planning for 15 slides in a 15-minute presentation is typically reasonable

Construct your Slides to support, not distract:

- **Choose a non-distracting background template:** Utilize the provided InterLACE Slide Presentation Template linked above; correctly match font (light letters on dark background or dark letters on light background)
- **Include the following main sections:** Title slide, description of the interdisciplinary/interprofessional research team, introduction/background, methods, results, conclusion/future goals, acknowledgements, and references
- **Minimize words and other content on each slide:** Use bullet points and phrases instead of complete sentences; replace text with diagrams where possible; only put items on your slides that you will discuss; do not use distracting animations/transitions, moving texts, and animation sounds (stick with "appear" and "disappear" for animations)
- **Properly cite all content included on slides:** Use a standard bibliographic citation format

Presentation Tips

You are the conductor:

- **Lead the audience:** You are in control of the content and flow of the presentation
- **Emphasize points of interest:** Speak loud and clear; change your pitch/tone; use a mouse cursor to draw attention to certain parts of your slide or direct the audience where to look
- **Keep the audience entertained AND informed:** Important to balance both by providing project details but also exciting project stages/accomplishments; start with a hook to grab attention; emphasize significant and broader impacts
- **Tell a logical story:** Start with broad information and get more specific as the presentation progresses; address relevant background information and a gap in knowledge or a pressing need that your study fills

Be prepared:

- Know everything that you put on each slide (figures/charts/graphs should be explained)
- Do not read from your slides
- Practice your presentation and time yourself (15 minutes goes quickly!)
- Anticipate questions and prepare responses