

Mississippi State University's Undergraduate Research Symposium

Oral Presentations/Performances Scoring Rubric

Quality of Research (60 possible points)

Excellent (40-60 points)

Scholarly significance readily apparent • Robust research design • Rigorous methodology • Analysis of data/texts is compelling • Results/conclusions are sound • Incorporates the ideas of other scholars • Makes an original contribution

Good (20-39 points)

Rationale, methods, analysis and/or results are sound but may need clarification • Significant but not necessarily original/inventive • Adequate research design • Some reference to other scholars

Developing (0-19 points)

More than one element (rationale, methods, analysis, results) missing or incomplete • Poor research design • Little or no connection to ideas of other scholars • Ideas poorly developed • Lacks scholarly significance

Oral Presentation (40 possible points)

Excellent (30-40 points)

Oral presentation is engaging and concise • Student is approachable and professional • Offers strong answers to questions • The presentation skills of the speaker clarified the topic significantly • Speaker is fully prepared

Good (16-29 points)

Some difficulties with delivery • Willing to answer questions, though some answers unclear • The presentation skills of the speaker clarified the topic adequately • Speaker is adequately prepared

Developing (0-15 points)

Needs to work on presentation skills • Does not answer questions well • The presentation skills of the speaker clarified the topic poorly • Unprepared

Total Points (100 possible points)