

Judging Criteria

Comprehension and content

Strong-7-6-5-4-3-2-1-Weak

1	Background and significance	Did the presentation provide an understanding of the background and significance to the research question being addressed, while explaining terminology and avoiding jargon?	
2	Impact and results	Did the presentation clearly describe the impact and/or results of the research, including conclusions and outcomes?	
3	Logical sequence	Did the presentation follow a clear and logical sequence?	
4	Appropriate language	Was the thesis topic, research significance, results/impact and outcomes communicated in language appropriate to a non-specialist audience?	
5	Timing	Did the presenter spend adequate time on each element of their presentation—or did they elaborate for too long on one aspect or was the presentation rushed?	

Engagement and communication

Strong-7-6-5-4-3-2-1-Weak

6	Want to know more	Did the oration make the audience want to know more?	
7	Not trivial or generalised	Was the presenter careful not to trivialise or generalise their research?	
8	Enthusiasm	Did the presenter convey enthusiasm for their research?	
9	Capture and maintain attention	Did the presenter capture and maintain their audience's attention?	
10	Stage presence	Did the speaker have sufficient stage presence, eye contact and vocal range; maintain a steady pace, and have a confident stance?	
11	The slide	Did the PowerPoint slide enhance the presentation—was it clear, legible, and concise?	