

UMCUR Presentation Judging Rubric

Elements	<i>Novice (1 point)</i>	<i>Apprentice (2 points)</i>	<i>Practitioner (3 points)</i>	<i>Expert (4 points)</i>
<i>Introduction/Context</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No introduction or background 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Background information was provided but with limited context/connection to research Showed limited need for the project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relevant information included that showed detailed background and familiarity with field Showed clear need for the project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided insight, clarity, and relevance Showed considerable need for the project and deep knowledge of the field
<i>Research Question/Objective</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unstated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unclear based on information in introduction/context 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clearly explained and appropriate for the research context Addresses a need in the field 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presents a unique and innovative research question Clearly stated and well connected to the context Addresses a pressing need in the field
<i>Methodology/Strategy</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Absent or poorly explained 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explained Inadequate to address questions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clearly explained Adequate for addressing questions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clearly explained Appropriate and well connected to the questions Rigorous and/or innovative methodology
<i>Results and Conclusions</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Absent or hard to identify 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lacked clarity, objectivity, or connection to the research questions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear and well connected to the questions Adequate interpretation of results and implications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear and well connected to the questions Provides nuanced interpretation of results, limitations, and implications Clear take-home messages

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<i>Delivery</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relies heavily on notes or slides • Struggles to articulate meaning • Difficult to hear • Did not engage with audience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hesitant or relies on slides or notes • Mostly clear and audible • Limited eye contact or other connection with audience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mostly familiar with content and confident in presentation • Clear and audible • Frequently connects with the audience through eye contact and body language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well-rehearsed • Speaks clearly and confidently • Connects with the audience through eye contact and body language • Shows enthusiasm for the topic
<i>Visual Elements and Organization</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visual aids are missing, poorly designed, or irrelevant • Presentation is poorly organized and difficult to follow 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visual elements are unclear, detracting from the presentation • Presentation is somewhat disorganized, with unclear transitions or lack of structure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visual elements are mostly professional and informative, but could benefit from clearer design or formatting • Presentation is mostly well-organized, but could benefit from clearer transitions between main points 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visual elements are professional, informative, and support the presentation content • Presentation is well-organized and easy to follow, with a clear introduction, main points and conclusion
<i>Ability to Answer Questions</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unable to answer questions or deflects, indicating a lack of understanding or preparation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Struggled to adequately answer questions, showing limited understanding of research topic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responded adequately to questions but may struggle to answer unexpected or complex questions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thoroughly answered questions and showed deeper insight into the field
<i>Accessibility to a General Audience</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inaccessible or irrelevant to a general audience (overly technical, uses jargon, assumes a high level of knowledge) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Somewhat accessible to a general audience, at times too technical or difficult to understand 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relatable and understandable to a general audience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very accessible to a general audience • Clearly explained important or complex material