Congratulations on being chosen to give a research presentation! A presentation is a chance for you to share your research with your audience. Your job is to give an overview of your research and explain the most important thing your audience should learn from your work. It’s not as easy as reading through your research paper because a good presentation connects to the audience, focuses only on the most important ideas, and gives the audience a lasting piece of learning and a reason to act. It’s a complex task that requires a range of skills, so we have compiled a list of resources that can help you prepare. Many of them are videos, all of which have the added benefit of demonstrating vocal control, eye contact, and body language as powerful public speaking tools.

DDVS Presentation Format
Each paper and panel session will be 50 minutes, so the length of your individual presentation will depend on the total number of presenters in your session. For example, the ideal format for four people is 10 minutes for each presentation with a 10 minute Q&A at the end. Check with the moderator for your session for your exact time requirements.

UA-Specific Resources
The University of Alabama offers resources to its students, faculty, and staff to help them develop their public speaking and computer/design skills. If you are affiliated with UA, take advantage of these services!

- **Speaking Studio**
  - The Speaking Studio offers consultations, workshops, and evaluations to help you develop and perfect your presentation.
  - Sign up for an appointment.
- **Sanford Media Center**
  - The Sanford Media Center offers software, consultations, and collaboration to help you design your presentation slides and content.
  - If you are not a UA student, check out the resources that your campus offers!

Public Speaking Tips
Public speaking can be a daunting task, so it never hurts to have a refresher! These videos provide general guidelines for effective communication and social justice advocacy.

- TED’s Secret to Great Public Speaking (7:47)
- The Danger of Silence (4:09)

Virtual Presentations
The format of your presentation makes a big difference. There are certain tips and tricks that apply specifically to virtual presentations like how to keep your audience’s attention and how to interact with your camera. These resources will help you give the best possible virtual presentation.

- 10 Tips For Giving Effective Virtual Presentations
- How To Ace A Virtual Presentation | Forbes (6:45)

Conference-Specific Tips
These resources are full of detailed tips like what to put (and what not to put) on your presentation slides, how many slides to have per minute (for both in-person and digital presentations), how to handle the Q&A portion, and how to best display your data (with downloadable PowerPoint slides as examples).

- Conference Presentation Tips and MISTAKES (13:33)
- Presenting Your Research Effectively: Best Practices for Building Presentations and Displaying Data