

Wishnok Prize Rubric

Maximum Score: 50 points

Background/Hypothesis/Objective/Impact: Ability to motivate the listener to be interested in hearing more (up to 5 points):

- Provide a relevant and concise context for the research
- Give credit to those who came before you
- Clearly state Hypothesis/Objective
- Emphasize potential impact of the work that will be presented

Methods/Results/Data Interpretation (up to 20 points):

- Clearly describe of the overall approach
- Clearly describe each method and the rationale for the approach
- Present high-quality data with clear statistical approach either stated or presented on the slide
- Present results using effective graphics
- State clearly which results are yours, which are collaborative, and which are from others
- Interpret results objectively
- Explain the implications of each result

Conclusions/Impact/Future Work (up to 5 points):

- Summarize implications of the results in an objective fashion
- Describe results that are clearly supported by the data
- Describe context of the results in terms of what others have done
- Describe what the results mean in the context of the field
- Describe the impact of the results
- Clearly state what the next steps would be

Creativity/Innovation on the part of the Student (up to 5 points):

- Specify innovative aspects of the work to which you contributed

Overall Presentation: Slides (up to 5 points):

- Slides are free from mistakes/typos
- Use clear and clean background figures (omitting clutter). Ideally use figures that you have made to optimally convey your specific points.
- Clearly present data where the fonts are legible, labeling is thorough, colors are visible
- Give credit to others who either did key published work or who contributed to data collection/interpretation

Oral Presentation (up to 5 points):

- Use language accessible to a broad audience; avoid acronyms and field-specific jargon
- Speak sufficiently loudly, and engage the audience through eye contact (looking at the audience, rather than the slides).
- Be prepared to discuss anything that is on your slides.
- Communicate in a fashion that keeps the listener motivated to focus on what you are saying
- Avoid distracting movements/gestures

Handling Questions (up to 5 points):

- Allow the host to point to the person who should ask the next question
- Repeat the question to ensure everyone can hear it
- Answer with specific information
- Refer to the work of others where relevant