

AMSIConnect Presentation Guidelines

Preparation

Each VRS student will be allocated 20 minutes in the conference program and should prepare a **15-minute presentation** of their research. The remaining 5 minutes is for the chair to introduce the speaker, a short question-and-answer session and presentation changeover time.

Presentations must be supported by a PowerPoint/LaTeX presentation using the AMSIConnect Presentation Template (vrs.amsi.org.au/information-for-students) and adhering to the AMSI Style Guide (included in the VRS Information Booklet).

Acknowledge all sources either within your presentation speech or as references in the slides. It is vital that work of others not be passed off as original ideas.

The audience will be mathematically literate, but should not be expected to have specialist knowledge of your project. Please pitch your presentation with this in mind. Consultation with supervisors is expected.

Tips for virtual presentations

- Practice your virtual presentation – AMSI recommends doing a trial presentation at your home university before AMSIConnect. If possible, record the session and play back so you can look for areas that worked well and any areas you may want to improve on
- Get the lighting right – as a presenter it is essential people can see you well. Make sure you have good lighting. If your back is to a window, close the curtains/blinds.
- Be mindful of your background – Avoid a cluttered background or anything that can be distracting.
- Know the technology – test your slides to make sure there are no formatting issues.
- Do a sound check – make sure your sound emits clearly and there is no background interference. Consider using headphones with a built-in microphone if your computer is not picking up your voice clearly.
- Log out of other programs – having other programs or tabs open on your computer may interfere with your internet connection. Close out of all other programs and only leave open the tabs you need for your presentation.
- Be animated – just like in a live presentation, you want to present with a little energy and animation. Too slow or too monotone in your voice makes it easy for folks to disengage and tune out.
- Be yourself and have fun – let your personality show through. Have fun. If you look like you're enjoying the presentation so will others.

Format

Keep an eye on the clock. Presenters will be stopped by the session chair at 15 minutes.

Be prepared to answer one or two questions from the audience at the conclusion on your presentation.

Best Presentation

Voting for the best presentation will be conducted online. Details on how to vote will be shared on the last day. Students and supervisors are asked to vote only once and may not vote for their own presentation.

A prize will be awarded at the end of the final day.

Dress Code

The dress code for the AMSIConnect presentations is smart casual.