

# Judging Criteria

At every level of the competition each competitor will be judged on the three judging criteria listed below. Each criterion is equally weighted and has an emphasis on audience.

**Student** \_\_\_\_\_

**Presentation Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Judge** \_\_\_\_\_

Criteria	Possible Score	Judge's Score
<b>Comprehension</b>		
Did the presentation provide an understanding of the background to the research question being addressed?		
Did the presentation clearly describe the significance of the current or proposed research?		
Did the presentation follow a clear and logical sequence?		
<b>Engagement</b>		
Did the oration make the audience want to know more?		
Was the presenter careful not to trivialize or generalize their research?		
Did the presenter convey enthusiasm for their research?		
Did the presenter capture and maintain their audience's attention?		
<b>Communication</b>		
Was the research significance communicated in language appropriate to a non-specialist audience?		
Did the speaker avoid scientific jargon, explain terminology and provide adequate background information to illustrate points?		
Did the speaker have sufficient stage presence, eye contact and vocal range; maintain a steady pace; and have a confident stance?		
Did the presenter spend adequate time on each element of their presentation - or did they elaborate too long on one aspect or was the presentation rushed?		
Did the PowerPoint slide enhance the presentation - was it clear, legible and concise?		
<b>TOTAL</b>		

5 = Excellent    3 = Average    1 = Poor