

## Tips for Choosing a Presentation Format

**One of the most important parts of registering will be deciding on the format you want to use to present. Here are some anecdotes from past presenters on why they chose the presentations that they used.**

### Poster Presentations:

- “I chose this because I got to have a more one-on-one conversation with the person that approached my poster. I could then answer direct questions and have a conversation rather than feel like I was doing a lecture. Also it was less intimidating to have other people around because they were all nervous about presenting as much as I was. It gave me a chance to learn more about other people’s research and to present my own in a more personal fashion.”  
- Margie ‘18
- “The reason [I chose a poster] is that I have an easier way of explaining my project with my poster instead of just talking it off (Yup, I put the whole mechanism on my poster). I could freely point to my data on the poster whenever I wanted, and I didn’t have to remember the information since everything was on my poster. It took time to prepare the poster but it was worth it, and I reused the poster for other presentations as well.”  
- Lorraine ‘18
- Who should present a poster? Data-driven research is an obvious poster presentation. However research with visual narratives can also make for great posters!

### Oral Presentations:

- “While most would think that I chose an oral presentation because I was working in the humanities, it actually had to do more with my comfort zone. I knew how to put together a Prezi far better than a poster but I also know that I’ll be using the skills that come from presenting in that style more often. I loved presenting with a cohort of similar projects, to the point where we all took a photo together afterwards!”  
- Lily ‘16

### Creative Presentations:

- “[The] ‘creative presentation’ format inspired me to make something different and it was a lot of fun.”  
- Andy ‘17 (PhD)