

SSWR 2025 Conference Guidelines for Flash-Talk Presenters and Moderators

Introducing a New Format “Flash-Talk Sessions” at SSWR 2025!

SSWR is excited to announce a new pilot, presentation format “Flash-Talk Sessions” at SSWR 2025 in Seattle, WA. We’re pleased to report that for the 2025 Conference we received a 12.5% increase in the overall abstract submissions. SSWR is implementing the “Flash-Talk Sessions” and expanding our capacity for poster presentations to maintain the same acceptance rate as the 2024 conference.

The Flash-Talks provide a dynamic alternative to traditional presentations:

- Increased opportunities for researchers to share their work
- Diversifies presentation options
- Increased opportunities to engage scholarly ideas
- Develop clear succinct communication tailored to diverse audiences
- Fostering vibrant exchange of ideas
- Enhance academic discourse

For more details on how to develop your Flash-Talk presentation or how to moderate a Flash-Talk session, please review the following resources:

1. [Watch this Flash-Talk Orientation Video](#) (YouTube)
2. [Download Flash-Talk Orientation PowerPoint Slides](#) (PDF)
3. [Read Flash-Talk Orientation Video Transcript](#) (PDF)

Presentation Options for Flash-Talk Sessions: As long as there is at least one presenter/speaker (or the moderator) presenting in Seattle, WA, the presenter/speaker or the moderator in Seattle may set up their own Zoom or equivalent meeting and give access to virtual presenters/speakers. SSWR will provide enhanced WIFI to accommodate virtual presentations. AV technicians will be available, as needed, to assist in connections. Please note this option does **not** provide virtual audience participation. All presenters/speakers, in person or virtual are required to pay the in-person registration rate. Registration fees provide the funds for conference meeting space, AV technicians, WIFI, etc. to make virtual presentations possible.

Guidelines for In-Person Session Presentation

- Plan to arrive 10 minutes early before the session starts so that you have time to introduce yourself to the other presenters and remind them of the guidelines for presentation, especially time limits. Please introduce the session as well as each presenter. The session title and each author’s name, paper title, and affiliation are listed in the program for your reference.
- Your most important job is to **keep track of the time!** Each presenter should be allowed roughly up to eight (8) minutes depending on the number of papers scheduled for your particular session. In most cases this should leave 20 minutes or so for questions and discussion at the end of the session. We encourage you to use the “5 minute” and “1 minute” warning signs provided to remind presenters that they are approaching their time limit. It may be a bit uncomfortable, but please don’t be shy about helping your colleagues be aware of when they need to stop. Your audience (and other presenters) will be eternally grateful.
- Flash-talk sessions will be 90 minutes long and will run concurrently with abstract-based sessions and posters. Each 90-minute Flash-talk session includes:
 - 5-minute introduction by volunteer moderator
 - will feature up to seven (7) individual oral presentations, with each presentation lasting up to eight (8) minutes

- 20-minute Q&A
 - 2-minute closing remarks by volunteer moderator
- After the last presentation, please moderate the questions from the audience and any discussion that follows. Paper sessions will not have formal discussants.
- Each room will have a volunteer student monitor who will oversee audiovisual equipment and other room needs. Please let that person know immediately if you have any problems.
- The student volunteers will also be available to sign the attendance forms for audience members who will be applying for CEUs. Signatures will only be provided during sessions (none can be obtained retrospectively).
- Request that all participants must silence their cell phones during the session.
- Close by thanking participants for coming and encourage them to complete the online evaluation form which will be available on the SSWR webpage at the conclusion of the conference.