CMES Graduate Student Conference
Presenting Your Work

Students will be organised into panels of three to four other presenters with similar or interconnecting topics. Each presenter will be given ten minutes to discuss their topic.

Key Points:
- Presentation 10 minutes
- Power point allowed
- Audience questions and comments will be taken following all of the panel presentations

Ten Tips on Creating a Memorable (and Successful) Presentation:
- Keep to the time limit – nothing makes a presentation look less polished than one that runs overtime. Practice your presentation beforehand to make sure you do not have too much content.
- Limit the use of power point to essential points only (ie. Limited text per slide). Consider using visual cues instead of words to highlight/compliment what you are saying.
- Write a script of what you will say in preparation – and practice it! The more you practice, the more prepared you will be in front of an audience.
- If you feel more comfortable, have your script with you when you present but do not read it!
  o Remember that the audience is made up of humans that are interested in what you have to say – so tell them, do not read to them.
- Tell the audience what is interesting, exciting, compelling about what you are investigating. Do not assume this is obvious.
- Earn the attention of your audience from the start – come up with a thought provoking, humorous, or otherwise engaging introduction.
- Speak slowly. When you are nervous speech tends to speed up so make a conscious effort to slow your pace, and utilise the power of the pause.
- Say less instead of more – do not try to cram too much information into your presentation. You will only overwhelm your audience and lose their attention. Focus on a few key points that you will thoroughly explain.
- Wear clothing that makes you feel comfortable and confident.