

Arts & Humanities Conference

Virtual Competitor Guide

Overview:

The 2026 Arts & Humanities Conference is in person; however, students enrolled in a distance program are eligible to participate. Distance students will not be joining the competition live via Zoom or any other platform. Distance students will provide a pre-recorded video that will be played for the judges at the competition. Virtual participants do not have to submit slides. Your TTU email address will be provided to the judges if they have any questions about your presentation. Video presentations will be scored exactly like the live presentations on campus.

Virtual Submission Rules: *Distance students only.*

Abstracts and video presentations due Friday, October 23rd by 5:00 p.m.

- Videos not submitted by the deadline will not compete in the event or be scored by the judges. Videos need to be emailed to studentlife.gradschool@ttu.edu. Videos can be emailed as an MP4 file or a OneDrive download link.
- Please use any video recording platform you are comfortable with.
- Presentations cannot have more than 5 slides. Please do not include an introduction slide. The event staff will create one for you for the competition.
- Video presentations are limited to 5 minutes. **Competitors exceeding 5 minutes are disqualified.**
- Video presentations are considered to have commenced when a presenter starts their presentation through speech.
- Videos must meet the following criteria:
 - Filmed on the horizontal.
 - Filmed on a plain background.
 - Filmed from a static position.
 - Filmed from one camera angle.
 - The presenter and the slide(s) must be visible throughout the presentation.
- Pre-recorded video presentations will be added to a PowerPoint presentation shared by the moderator assigned to your competition room.
- An introduction slide will be displayed before your presentation begins and will include your name, academic information, and the title of your presentation. The Graduate Student Life team will create this, and you do not need to create this in your presentation.
- After the introduction slide, the video presentation will begin.
- The video slide will include a full-screen image of the video with the competitor speaking in the top right corner and a timer on the bottom right of the screen. Please note that the video and timer may cover some images on the slide. This will not affect your score.
- Once the video is complete, a closing slide will be displayed with the competitor's name for the judge's rubric and a timer. Since the student is not attending in person for judges to ask questions, judges will have 5 minutes to complete their rubrics. The closing slide will transition to the next competitor's introduction slide before the next presentation begins.
- The decision of the panel is final. Competitors will not be judged on video/recording quality. Judging will focus on the presentation and the student's ability to communicate research to a non-specialist audience.

FAQ:

- **How and where do I send my pre-recorded video?**

Please email your video to studentlife.gradschool@ttu.edu.

- **Which format is required for my video?**

You can send your video as an MP4 file or as a OneDrive link to the email address listed above.

- **What program do I use to record my video?**

Competitors are welcome to use any video recording software they prefer. Please ensure that your video includes your slides in the background and a video of you speaking in the frame.

- **I made an error in my pre-recorded video; can I update it before the competition?** All competitors are required to submit their pre-recorded videos by Friday, October 23rd. However, if you made an error, please email us at studentlife.gradschool@ttu.edu as soon as possible.

- **Why are you so strict with the 5-minute time limit? Can't you give me a chance?**

Due to the number of students and judges participating, we must adhere to the schedule.

- **My information is wrong in the program.**

Our staff used the information you entered on your application for the intro slide and program.

- **What happens if I win?**

Winners will receive a monetary prize that will be posted to their student account. Prize amounts are to be determined.

- **How many winners will there be?**

There will be a first, second, and third-place winner in each competition category.

- **I would like a copy of my rubrics from the competition. How do I get them?**

Graduate Student Life will provide competitors with a digital copy of their rubrics if requested via email by the competitor. To request a digital copy of your rubrics, please email studentlife.gradschool@ttu.edu. Please note that your rubrics will not be available immediately following the competition. We will begin sending scanned copies the week of November 16th.

- **When will the winners be announced?**

Competitors will be notified via email on or before Friday, November 13th. Results will also be posted on the Graduate School website.