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## I missed the deadline to submit my abstract. Can I still present?

If the deadline to submit an abstract for a poster or talk has passed, we are no longer accepting additional presentations.

## How long should I plan for my presentation?

The talks are scheduled to take place every half hour within a session. Your presentation should run 20-25 minutes, and the remainder of the time will be used to take questions from the audience.

## What is a lightning talk?

During a lightning talk, students will be given the opportunity to present at lightning speed for 5 minutes - choose to talk super-fast or choose to share only critical highlights from your work – your call! The talks will be followed by a casual Q&A session with all the student presenters as panelists.

Any type of water related projects, programs, research, or work are welcome to apply. Slides are encouraged but not required.

Student lightning talks are open to high school, undergraduate, and graduate students.

## What file format should my presentation use?

Presentations should be created in Microsoft Powerpoint or Google Slides. If you choose Google Slides, please download your slides as a .ppt file to bring to the conference. File retrieval from online sources will not be an option at the conference.

If you wish your slides to be made available online after the conference, you must prepare your presentation to be [ADA compliant](#). We've prepared [a few tips](#) to help you make a more accessible presentation.

## How do I get my presentation to the conference?

The presentation file should be brought to the conference on a flash drive. If you wish to have a backup, you can email your presentation to [mwmcsecretary.dnr@maryland.gov](mailto:mwmcsecretary.dnr@maryland.gov) ahead of time. Do NOT do this on the day of the conference - email will not be checked that day.

## What dimensions should my poster be?

We recommend posters be designed in landscape orientation, 40 inches wide by 32 inches tall. If you prefer to create a portrait-oriented poster, the easels and foamcore posterboard can be converted to match this alignment.

## Do I need to bring my own easel or mount my poster ahead of time?

No! Easels and foamcore posterboard will be provided to our poster presenters on-site, with binder clips included to mount your poster. Easel setups will be scattered throughout the main floor of the conference, so arrive early to get a good location!

## When should I arrive to set up?

If you are a poster presenter, please set your poster up on one of the provided easels as soon as you check in at the registration table.

If you are a speaker, please load your file onto the laptop in your room no later than 10 minutes before your session (not your presentation) begins. The moderator will help you place the file in the appropriate location.

If you are an exhibitor, the facility will be open the evening before from 5-9pm and on the day of the conference from 7:30am on. Tables are designated with the exhibitor names.