

# Giving Presentations and Proposal Talks



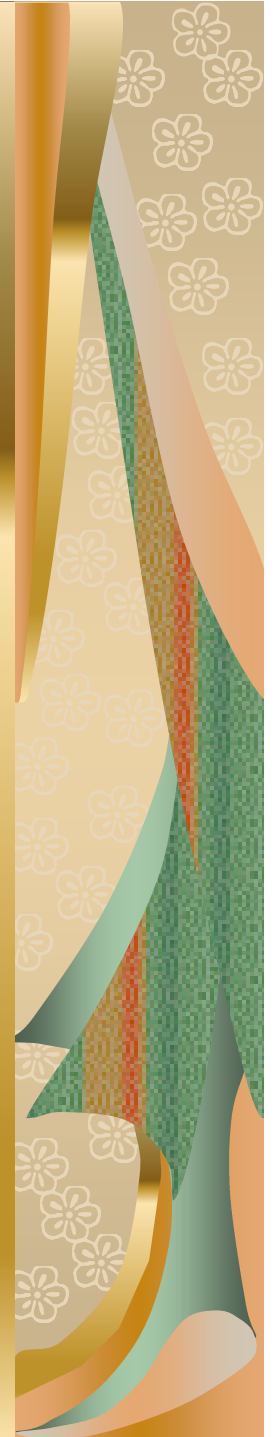
# Preparing your presentation: The Details

- Proposal talks: ~ 5 mins, 5 min question period
- Presentations: 8-10 min, 5 min question period
- A laptop will be provided, but you can use your own laptop if you prefer
- Best thing to do is bring in your presentation on a USB key



# Proposal Presentations Marking Scheme

- Does the experiment build on previous research? /1
- Does the experiment have a clear, specific research question and/or hypothesis? /1
- Does the experiment have clearly defined independent and dependent variables? /1
- Does the experiment attempt to control for all other variables and eliminate confounds? /1



# Presentations Marking Scheme

## ■ Introduction /5

- Provides effective overview of background literature
- Provides convincing motivation for study




## ■ Results and Methods /5

- Clearly communicates results
- Shows clear, illustrative graphs of results






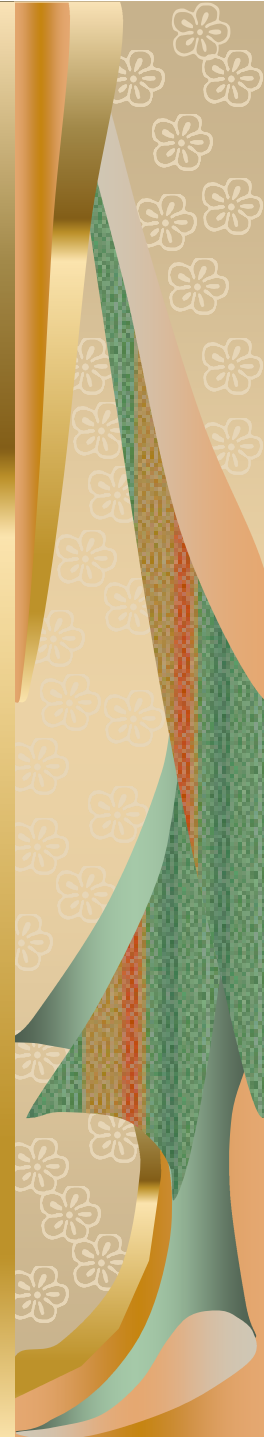
# Presentations Marking Scheme

## Discussion /5

-  Provides a clear interpretation of results
-  Discusses potential large implications of study
-  Mentions limitations or potential future directions

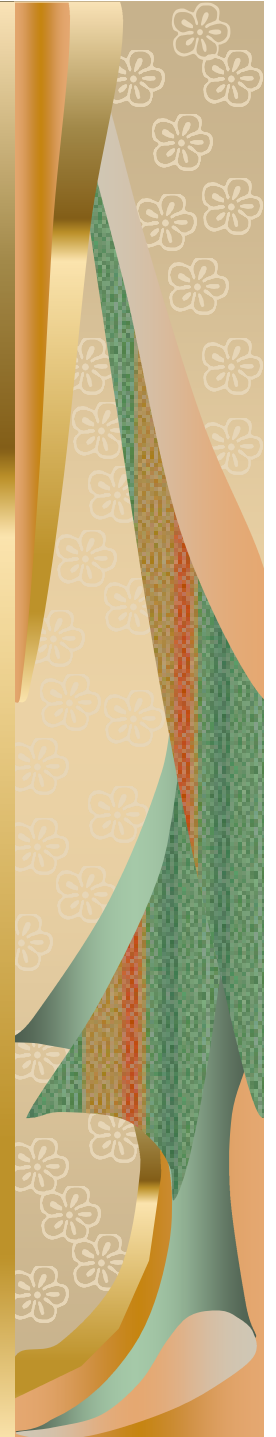
## Presentation Skills /5

-  Communicates clearly
-  Maintains audience's interest
-  Slides are clear, visually appealing



# Presentations

- What do you want the audience to learn?
  - Summary slide at beginning and end
    - Include the major points
    - Have a slide for each point in your talk



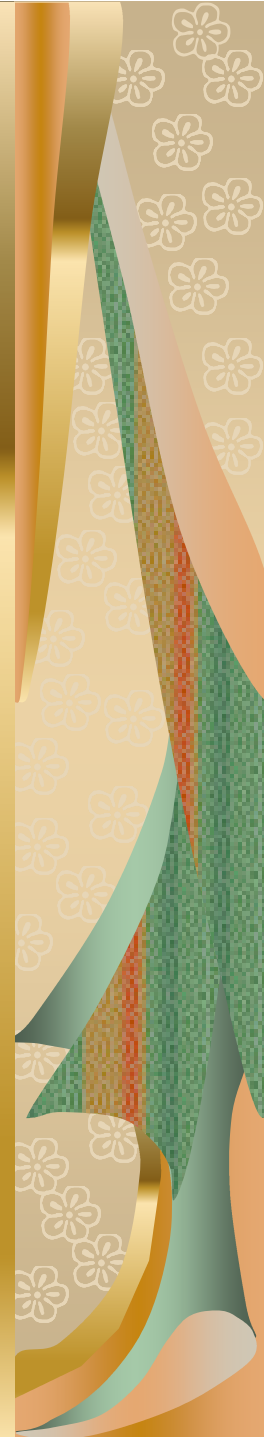
# Key points to consider when putting together your presentation:

- Follow the ‘big story’
  - start with the big question
  - bring it to the specific question you examine
  - tell how your results inform the bigger question
- Be clear and communicative
  - Provide information in a clear and interesting way
  - don't get off track with details that are unimportant



# Preparing your presentation: Slides

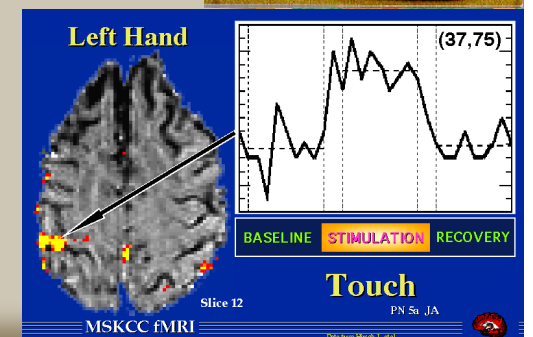
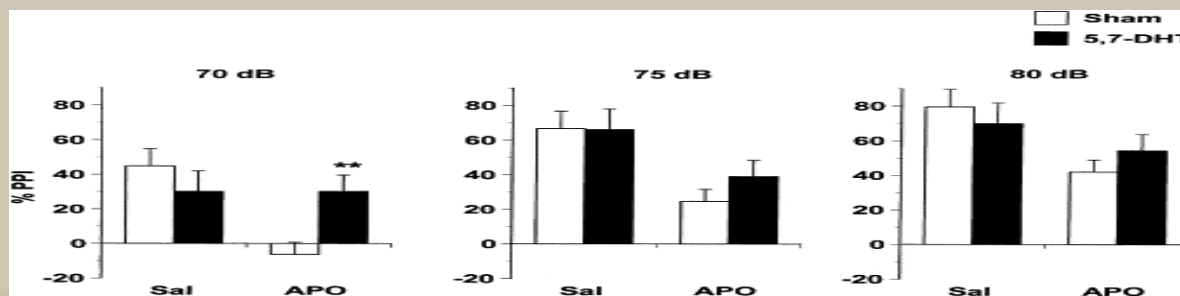
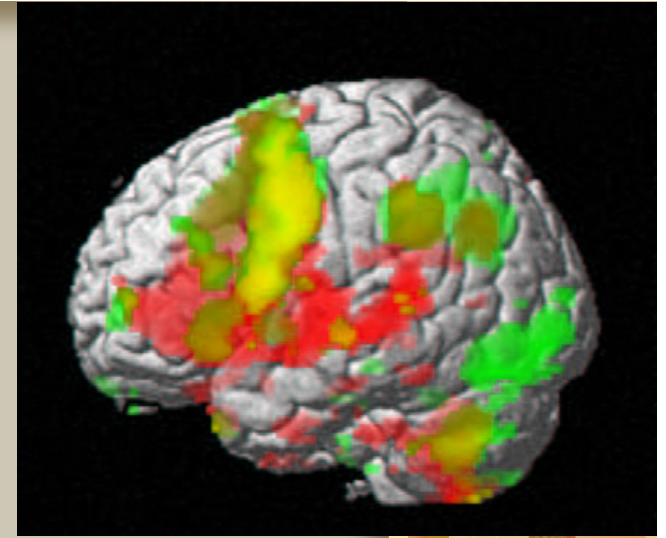
- When presenting graphs, tables, or images
  - Make them as clear as possible
  - Point out what you want the audience to notice
  - Only display the necessary information



# Preparing your presentation: Slides

## Proofread your slides

- ❏ Mistakes are distracting
- ❏ Do not clutter your slides or use run-on sentences that seem to ramble away and the audience spends the entire time trying to read your slide rather than listen to what you have say
- ❏ Make sure font is large enough to see



# Delivering your presentation:

- Keep it to the point!

  - Interesting

  - Act like you are telling a story

- Avoid rushing through complicated or boring material



# Delivering your presentation: Pacing

- Emphasize main points
  - Use voice and gestures
- Avoid getting off topic
- Remember to breathe



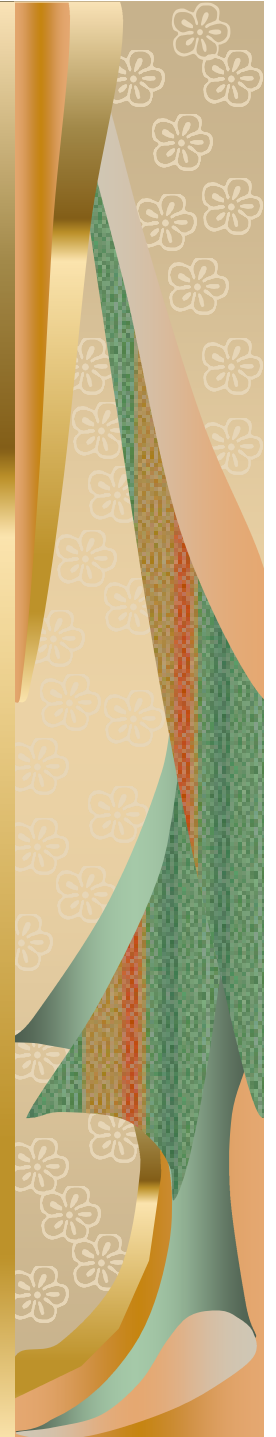
# Delivering your presentation: Speaking

- Talk slowly and clearly
- Convince your audience that your talk is interesting
  - Sound interested yourself
- Avoid talking to the screen or blocking it
- Be confident and practiced



# After the Presentation

- Have slides on hand that will address expected questions
- Don't be defensive
- It is OK if you cannot answer a question
  - At least try though



Thank you!

 Questions?

