

WHY MIGHT I ATTEND THE OAGE CONFERENCE?

- To learn about topics relating to aging
- To learn about research in aging
- To learn about educational opportunities
- To learn about aging-related careers
- To network with other like-minded individuals regarding jobs, education or collaboration on research
- To gain experience presenting work to peers
- To develop leadership skills
- To see what resources are available for old adults and how to access them
- To build up a resume

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**PREPARING
FOR THE
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A Student's Guide

HOW WILL I PRESENT MY WORK?

You will be presenting at OAGE through either a poster, a paper or as a symposium participant. Included here are some good tips to keep in mind when preparing your presentation!

POSTER

Your poster should act like a summary of your work, don't include everything in your project. Leave enough white space and use a large font that someone will be able to see from 3 feet away. Use graphics or visuals to give it visual appeal. Cite your main sources and be prepared to give a short summary of your most important findings.

CONSIDERATIONS FOR ATTENDING OAGE

Dress For Success!

Make sure to wear business casual or business formal clothing with comfortable shoes! You might want to bring a light sweater.

Be Professional!

Turn your cell phone on silent for the conference (vibrate can sometimes still be distracting) and make sure to bring some business cards with your contact info on them!

PAPER

Practice your talk so you are only using your allotted time (aim for about 12 minutes.) Ask for your advisor to listen to you practice. Allow some time at the end of your presentation for questions. Don't be afraid to admit if you don't know the answer, you can always offer to do some research and then get back to them. Use a visual aid like powerpoint and include graphics, photos or charts to keep it visually interesting. Plan for about 1 minute speaking on each slide and make sure your font is readable and your color scheme and layout aren't distracting or hard to read. Remember, your slides are your aids, but you are the main attraction!

SYMPOSIUM PARTICIPANT

We offer standard, office-based support, available from 9AM to 5PM Monday to Friday; that said, we are a no-nonsense team and will always respond promptly when you need us.

HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR OAGE EXPERIENCE!



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BE PREPARED!

Chose the sessions that you want to attend in advance and be sure to attend the sessions that are especially for students (especially the student breakfast!!) Have a short introductory statement of yourself and your interests so you can introduce yourself to board members!

REMEMBER TO BEHAVE PROFESSIONALLY AND APPROPRIATELY

Apply for scholarships to networking events such as the president's dinner. Be on time for the conference and for each session. Keep and open mind and write down your questions to ask at the end of session.

