

Three-Minute Speech

During the October virtual session, you will be divided into groups based on your proposed research paper topic to discuss that topic and to present your paper proposal. During this session, you will prepare and deliver a three-minute speech to present the proposal for your paper. At the Leadership Conference you will present your findings and research in the same groups in the same format.

These will be speeches given without PowerPoint slides or written remarks, though you may use an index card or half-sheet of paper with bullet points to reference when speaking. Following the three-minute speech, there will be a brief moderated discussion (five to seven minutes) between you and your peers to discuss your speech with comments and Q&A.

During the Leadership Conference, you will again deliver a three-minute speech to present the findings of your research paper, and, again, after the speech, discuss comments and Q&A with your peers.

As you prepare your speech, you may find the following links to be helpful:

- “7 Things to Do When You Have to Give a Short Speech” Bill Murphy, Jr. *Inc.*
<https://www.inc.com/bill-murphy-jr/7-things-to-do-when-you-have-to-give-a-short-speech.html>
- “Learn How to Give a Three Minute Presentation in Three Minutes” Tallis Wong, *Young Post*, YouTube.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P4BPsCtIING>

Please note that these short speeches are designed to be delivered in a small, supportive peer setting. Public speaking can be challenging but is also a vital skill to develop for careers in public affairs.