

2019 Presenter's Guide to the

INNOVATE IMAGINARIUM

Thank you for presenting in the Imaginarium—we are excited for you to join us on this innovation playground! No matter how you're sharing your work, this guide will familiarize you with the space and provide suggestions for framing your content and interacting with attendees.

SHOWCASING YOUR IDEAS

The *Imaginarium* is a hands-on learning space at Innovate, facilitated by [STEAM Factory](#). Attendees can visit the Imaginarium in the 3rd floor Cartoon Room during breakout sessions to explore, experiment and play with new ideas in an interactive space where education, technology and creativity converge.

The Imaginarium provides ample room and opportunity for ideation, networking and collaboration. For its second year at the conference, we have reimagined the space to feature engaging **tech displays and demos**, interactive **tabletop presentations**, and four informal “**Student Spotlight**” discussions that highlight student work throughout the day. Additionally, we're adding an “**IDea Bar**” where you can consult with instructional designers on how to integrate new tools and strategies in your teaching.

How are you presenting in the Imaginarium? Find your presenter tips below!

Tech displays and demos

You will be provided a space in the Imaginarium to showcase your tech tool or project so participants can interact and experiment with it. Charlene (brenner.17@osu.edu) will work with you on your space needs and specifications and schedule you for an all-day or “half-day” slot (10am–noon or 1:30–3:30pm) based on your preference. We will provide a table and print signage displaying a title for your showcased tech or project, as well as the associated presenter names.

All that we ask of you is to be present at your station and ready to engage attendees, answer questions, and show off the capabilities or features of your tech or project. We encourage you to think in advance about good questions or conversation starters that will get the dialogue flowing!



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Tabletop presentations

The Imaginarium provides a relaxed forum for presenters to share projects, research and tech platforms and tools with individuals and small groups. Consider your table display an opportunity to highlight your ideas through interactive means that **foster curiosity and experiential learning**.

Your table presentation will be scheduled for either the morning session (10am–noon) or afternoon session (1:30–3:30pm), unless you arrange to be present all day. We will provide a 6-ft table, two chairs, signage indicating your presentation/project title and presenter names, and access to wifi and power. **You should bring your laptop(s) and associated cables.** We will not have a monitor at your table; if this is something you need, please bring your own. If you need additional devices for participants to interact with your content, we may provide 2 iPads—please submit your request for this or any other additional space or tech needs to brenner.17@osu.edu.

Take one or more of the following approaches to your tabletop presentation.

Digital presentation: Create a slideshow that shares your concept, highlights features of your tech or project, or prompts people to consider applications for their own work. Your slideshow can range from a simple visual to introduce your topic, to a brief walkthrough of the story behind your work, to a more in-depth presentation incorporating multimedia for participants to explore.

Your goal is to get participants to engage, interact and learn about your topic. Title your slides with simple **conversational prompts or probing questions** to get the dialogue flowing. For example:

- [title slide] Ask me/us about...
- Our story began... or How did we get here?
- Time to Experiment or Try this out!
- What do you know about ___?
- Questions to Consider
- Top 3 Takeaways
- Our Goals for This Work
- How to ___ in your teaching...
- What's next?
- Check out these examples!

The Innovate team will provide an *optional* slide template on the [Presentation Pointers](#) page of our site.

Facilitated discussion: Without a digital presentation, you'll need to rely on your people skills to engage attendees and keep conversation flowing! Prepare questions or topics in advance so you are ready to facilitate a dialogue around your topic. We still encourage you to use a slide(s) to grab attention to your table and open the conversation.

Hands-on demonstration: Do you have small technology, a web-based platform or curriculum, or interesting digital media to showcase? Do you want participants to experiment with something? Perhaps you have a novel teaching technique you want to model... You might choose to set up your table for a demo or interactive experimentation. As noted above, please bring your laptop, but we may be able to provide additional iPad devices for participants.

“Student Spotlights”

New to the Imaginarium this year are “Student Spotlight” talks—15-20 minute informal presentations or facilitated conversations that share the stories behind creative and inspiring student work. We want to hear *why* and *how* your project (or product) came to be, your motivation and goals, and the impact your work has had. How would you encourage other students to carry out similar ideas, or advise educators to support students in such endeavors? You might also consider how your work ties to our 2019 conference threads: [excite, explore, experience](#).

The Spotlight talk area will include a large monitor for you to share slides or digital content and ample room (and furniture) to facilitate discussion. We suggest that you structure your Spotlight as a brief slideshow presentation or demo sharing your story or project, followed by open discussion. We encourage you to take questions directly from participants, but you may also want to prepare a few open-ended questions to pose to attendees in advance. See p. 2 for slide starter ideas, and these [Presentation Pointers](#) for an optional PowerPoint template. Amber and Scott can work with you to frame your topic or consult on your approach; contact innovateU@osu.edu and nelson.1004@osu.edu.

WHAT TO BRING

Technology: As noted above, bring any tech you will demonstrate, your laptops(s), associated cables, and monitor if needed. Wifi and access to power is provided.

Presentation content: Have your slides, files, digital materials or other content loaded on your device, a flash drive or saved to a box folder.

Additional resources: Help attendees walk away with concrete ideas they can implement... What resources (e.g., handouts, web links, promotional material) will enable this? Provide resources digitally when possible (e.g., QR code, go.osu.edu link, shared box folder).

Contact information: The Imaginarium is a great venue to make new connections—be sure to bring your business cards or contact info.

IMAGINARIUM CONTACTS

Do not hesitate to contact us with questions! See the relevant area above for the appropriate contact for your presentation type or specific concern.

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NEXT STEPS

- Block your calendar for Innovate on Thursday, May 16. If you have a large tech display, you can plan to set up on May 15.
- If you have not already, [register](#) for the conference—all presenters must register!
- ***If you did not submit to RFP***, send a title for your project/presentation and all presenter info (name, title, department, institution, brief bio) to innovateU@osu.edu as soon as possible.
- Plan your content using the guidance above. ***“Student Spotlight” presenters only*** must provide their slides to innovateU@osu.edu no later than EOD Monday, May 13.
- Contact brenner.17@osu.edu with questions about Imaginarium activities, schedule, and logistics, and innovateU@osu.edu for concerns about the general program and presentation guidance.