

## **GRC Judging Criteria**

At the Graduate Research Conference, recognition is given to each participant as well as the presentation deemed to be the most outstanding within each session. It is the task of the faculty judges to choose one presentation over others, despite the diversity of fields of study, range of development of the projects, and varying status of the graduate student participant.

We realize that this can be a difficult task and aim to provide guidelines for this difficult selection process. The members of the Graduate Student Associations of UMB and UMBC have agreed upon six items thought to be essential to presentation.

1. Identification of the hypothesis or question.
2. Appropriate research design
3. Ability to answer questions
4. Clear presentation of data
5. Interpretation of results
6. Overall impression of presenter and presentation