

English Oral Skills Coaching

a free service for
International Graduate Students

Rehearse academic presentations

with an experienced speaking coach from the
English for International Students program

- classroom presentations
- conference presentations
- poster sessions
- thesis defenses
- departmental presentations
- policy issue presentations
- interviews
- oral reports

60-90 minute presentation coaching sessions are tailored to individual needs and focus on all aspects of oral presentations, including

- structure and organization of content
- development of PowerPoint slides
- language, including accurate, appropriate vocabulary and grammar
- pronunciation
- nonverbal delivery skills, such as gestures and strong eye contact

Coaching sessions can include videotaping with oral and written feedback.

For Additional Information and to Arrange Appointments:

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Appointment requests should specify the type and date of the presentation, if applicable.

Appointments are available on a scheduled basis, and weekend appointments are available. Students' advisors can be notified that students have used the service, if desired.

With enough advance notice and whenever possible, sessions can be arranged in a location which simulates the venue in which a presentation will be given.