

Idaho State University 2025 Indigenous Peoples Day Research Lightning Talk Session Call

"Indigenous Joy: Celebrating Strength & Resilience"

The Native American Students Services Office and Indigenous Peoples Day Planning Committee invites you to submit an abstract for a conference-style lightning talk for a dedicated research session at the 2025 Idaho State University Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration. The theme of this year's event is **"Indigenous Joy: Celebrating Strength & Resilience"**

What is a lightning talk?

A lightning talk is a 3 minute short-form presentation, generally accompanied by a visual. These are meant to be succinct and engaging presentations, allowing speakers to share their research or findings in a way that is both informative and memorable.

We encourage students, both undergraduate and graduate, to submit a submission form and abstract for a lightning talk broadly related to Indigenous joy, strength, and resilience. Abstracts must be 250-350 words describing your research and/or findings. The presentation must consist of one static PowerPoint slide, which can include (but is not limited to) photos, research poster elements, large sized text, etc. to be displayed on a large screen during the talk.

The audience for this session is ISU staff and faculty, as well as broader Native and non-Native community members. Lightning talks of specific utility to the ISU community are especially encouraged. Talks may be revised versions of previously presented research.

Ten submissions will be selected for the research session to be held in the Pond Student Union on Monday, October 13th. There will be two categories: undergraduate and graduate. Submissions will be selected for inclusion based on the following criteria:

- Relevance to the theme
- Quality of argumentation and evidence
- Presentation of data/story
- Orientation toward solutions, problem solving
- Attention to detail

Talks will be judged live by a committee composed of ISU Faculty and Staff and Shoshone-Bannock Tribal Representatives. Winners will be announced right after the session.

- There will be one undergraduate winner and one graduate student winner, each will receive a \$500 award sponsored by the Idaho Community-engaged Resilience for Energy-Water Systems program.

Submission guidelines:

- Please submit the following Google form which includes a section for the presentation abstract by **5pm, Wednesday, October 1st.**
- **Successful submissions will be notified by Friday, October 3rd.**
- Any questions can be submitted to laticiaherkshan@isu.edu