# 2021 Showcase FAQ

## FOR ATTENDEES

### What is the First Year Showcase?

The First Year Showcase is a John Jay campus-wide celebration of first-year student research, brilliance, and creativity. The 14th annual First Year Showcase will feature over 100 projects developed by nearly 400 first-year and sophomore transfer students with the support of 16 faculty. While this event is typically held as a massive gathering on-campus, our Second Annual VIRTUAL Showcase will gather for an opening ceremony on Zoom followed by the unveiling of the Showcase webpage with projects at your fingertips.

### When is the 14th Annual First Year Showcase?

This year's First Year Showcase will be held on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 from 1:30-3:00 PM.

### How do I get the link to the First Year Showcase opening ceremony?

RSVP here to receive the zoom link.

### Who will attend the First Year Showcase?

We are expecting hundreds of attendees to share the joy of celebrating first-year and sophomore transfer students' brilliance and creativity. Attendees include campus leadership, professors, staff, alumni, and, of course, current students! The event is also open to supporters outside of John Jay, so we may also expect family members/loved ones and guests from interested organizations.

### What exactly can I expect during and after Showcase Day?

On Showcase Day (Wednesday, December 8) from 1:30-2:25, we'll convene on Zoom for an opening ceremony, which will include remarks by leadership, and Q&A with a panel of faculty and students. We'll then unveil the First Year Showcase webpage where you and the rest of attendees will have the opportunity to explore over 100 projects developed by nearly 400 students and interact with presenters asynchronously for the rest of the week.

### How will the presentations be displayed?

You will find all the Showcase projects organized by virtual exhibits (aka cohorts or area of interest). Each exhibit will include projects for you to explore, enjoy, and learn from.

### How do I interact with presenters?

Once you've reviewed a project you're interested in, you can "like" the project and post questions and comments. Presenters will see your posts and respond to you in the comment section.

### Will the Showcase projects be available to view after 12/8?

Absolutely. The Showcase projects will live on the Showcase webpage and available to view after 12/8. However, presenters will be monitoring their projects most closely the week of the Showcase, so be sure to get any questions/comments you have in by 12/10!

### What is Padlet and why do I need to sign up for an account?

Padlet is the robust tool we're using to feature the Showcase projects and is what allows you to interact with presenters. Once you sign up for an account, your name will be displayed when you ask questions/comment about Showcase projects and will allow presenters to respond back to you.

### What types of projects can I expect?

You can expect a feast for your eyes and ears at this virtual First Year Showcase! Projects will be in a variety of formats: slideshows, video presentations, collages, ePortfolios, social media activism accounts, and more!

### What will I need in order to participate in the Showcase as a presenter or attendee?

In order to attend the First Year Showcase opening ceremony on 12/8 from 1:30-2:25 PM, you'll need to:

1. RSVP and look out for the Zoom event link
2. Join the Zoom event link using your Zoom account

In order to interact with presenters on the Showcase webpage, you'll need to sign up for a free Padlet account.

1. Head to https://padlet.com/auth/signup
2. Enter your email address and your desired password
3. Click "SIGN UP"
4. Choose basic plan (it's free!). And you're done!

### What are some questions I can ask presenters?

In addition to topic-specific questions, you can ask presenters general questions about their experiences like:

- How did you come up with your research topic?
- What was it like working in a group this semester?
- What did you learn about yourself while working on this project?
- How does this project align with your future goals?

### What are the available Showcase prizes?

The prizes below will be announced on Instagram @jjaysasp on Friday, 12/10.

1. Most engaging group project: Goes to the group presentation that receives the most engagement through "likes" and "questions/comments."
   Prize: a lunch ticket for each member of the group to be used at the MBJ cafeteria
2. Most engaging solo project: Goes to the solo project that receives the most engagement through "likes" and "questions/comments."
   Prize: a pair of lunch tickets for the presenter and a friend to use at the MBJ cafeteria
3. Showcase Scavenger Hunt Raffle: Goes to three randomly-selected current John Jay students who complete the Showcase Scavenger Hunt (available with additional instructions on Showcase Day).
   Prize: $30 e-gift card each

### I'll be on-campus the day of the Showcase. Can I participate from there?

Absolutely! We've reserved Showcase viewing rooms in computer labs on L2. There, you'll hang out with other students, professors, and staff in-person and have the opportunity to engage with the virtual content. If you're interested in joining us in a viewing room, be sure to RSVP and let us know in the form.

### I still have questions. Who can I contact?

Don't hesitate to reach out to First Year Programs at Student Academic Success Programs (SASP) at firstyearprograms@jjay.cuny.edu. We're here for you!

## FAQ FOR PRESENTERS

### How will my project look on the Showcase webpage?

Your project will be featured on a Padlet board within its own "card". Attendees will be able to click on your project to enlarge it and listen to audio (if applicable).
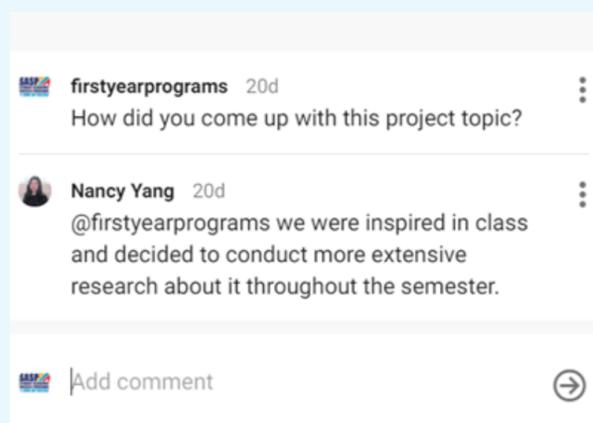


### What do I need to do as a presenter?

As a presenter, you'll need to do the following:

1. RSVP and attend the FY Showcase opening ceremony
2. From 2:25-3:00 PM on Showcase Day, monitor your Showcase project and be ready to respond to attendee questions and comments. After that, through the end of the week, check your project 1-2x a day to respond to attendee posts. If you worked on a group project, you can coordinate with team members to take turns.

### How do I "present" at the First Year Showcase?

In this unique VIRTUAL symposium, you'll "present" by monitoring your project and answering questions and comments posted by attendees. For those of you who might be a bit shy, this is a great first step to presenting without needing to present verbally.



### What digital tools do I need in order to interact with the attendees?

It is CRUCIAL that you sign up for a free Padlet account in order to present and answer attendee questions/comments. Signing up is SO easy:

1. Head to https://padlet.com/auth/signup
2. Enter your email address and your desired password
3. Click "SIGN UP"
4. Choose basic plan. And you're done!

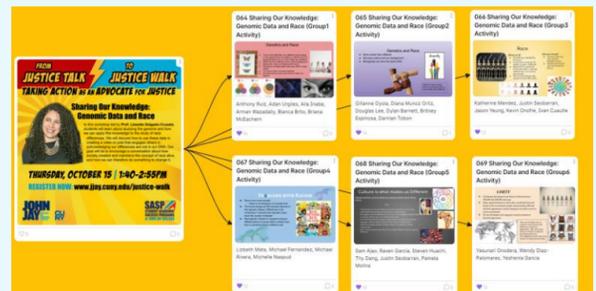### How can I promote the First Year Showcase & my project on social media?

We are SO proud of you and want to help you amplify your awesome work! We will create "I'm Presenting" social media posts so you can share with your networks using #FYShowcase. Check back here on Thu 12/03 for the link to the I'm Presenting social media posts.

### Can I invite my family and friends to attend the First Year Showcase and view my project?

Absolutely, please do! Just make sure they RSVP for the event in order to receive the zoom link.

### How will I know where my Showcase project is?

The day before Showcase Day, we'll share with you the exact location of your Showcase project – exhibit and #.



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