



Each year we receive a handful of similar questions about the Forum and wanted to share the responses with all attendees to help you prepare.

**Q. Can my friend or family member drop by during my team's presentation to support our team?**

**A.** Unfortunately, the answer is no. Only registered participants can attend Forum events. The Forum is closed to the public, and we are at our maximum physical capacity for the Forum. We will, however, be [livestreaming](#) your presentations and posting them to the website after the Forum for future viewing and sharing.

**Q. Do we need to bring our own computer to present from or will we be presenting from a common computer?**

**A.** NIA will supply a presentation computer that all teams will use during the Forum. The chart decks you'll submit by May 16th will be pre-loaded to that computer, and we'll verify that all videos/gifs are operational. If we encounter problems with your file, we'll let you know you! During check-in on May 19th, you'll have the opportunity to quickly review your presentation file on the presentation computer to make sure everything is working properly.

**Q. Will we have access to a microphone, clicker, laser pointer, and/or confidence monitor during our presentation?**

**A.** Presenting teams will stand at the front of the room and will be given a handheld microphone to pass between team members during your presentation. The presentation laptop will sit on a table close to you, to serve as a confidence monitor. You can advance slides with the NIA-provided clicker (which also has a laser pointer on it).

**Q. Do we need to bring a copy of our presentation on a flash drive?**

**A.** It's a good idea to bring a copy of your presentation on a flash drive, as a back-up just in case! That said, unless there are technical difficulties with your pre-loaded presentation, no new files will be accepted on-site at the Forum.

**Q. Can we bring a small-scale model of our prototype to the Forum?**

**A.** Yes, we can accommodate small models for teams that want to show materials, etc.

**Q. Will we receive scores and feedback on our technical paper, posters, and presentation?**

**A.** You will not receive scores, but teams will be provided with the judges' written feedback after the Forum. They will likely give you lots of verbal feedback during the Forum, as well.

**Q. If I'm over 21, can I purchase an adult beverage during the Awards Dinner?**

**A.** The Awards Dinner on May 21 includes one nonalcoholic beverage with dinner. Additional beverages beyond the one nonalcoholic drink can be purchased on a separate tab, including adult beverages for those of legal age.

**Q. Who should we contact if we have a question in Palmdale?**

**A.** Contact the NIA staff via text message. Our access to voicemail and email is very limited while on travel.

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