

Thank you for volunteering to be a panelist at the PROGRESS workshop!

Please find some helpful tips below for preparing your IGNITE presentation for the “Pathways to the Earth and Environmental Sciences” panel:

Panels will be conducted in the IGNITE style (<http://www.ignitetalks.io/>). The idea is for local scientists like you to share your perspectives (in just 5 minutes!) on your pathway to your current position and the choices you made along the way to get there. We hope that our participants will identify with many of your stories, and that it will promote discussion among the group.

When preparing your IGNITE presentation, please use the following guidelines:

1. Use Microsoft PowerPoint to build your IGNITE presentation. Do not use animations.
2. Your IGNITE presentation should be 20 slides, no more no less. Slides will be automatically advanced every 15 seconds to total a presentation time of 5 minutes.
3. Slides should include many pictures and a few words – the more fun and humorous the better.

For presentation content, please tell us about your pathway to the Earth and Environmental Sciences. What decisions or challenges (good or bad) did you face along the way, and what shaped those choices? We welcome you to include pictures/stories/words of wisdom from any mentors that you might have had along your career pathway. If you do field work, please tell us how you got started doing that. Maybe you participated in research as an undergraduate student, or held a job that influenced your pathway to the sciences – tell us! We welcome you to include pictures/stories/words of wisdom, and stories/examples of how you balance work and life. Feel free to share how your daily work meshes with family and personal life (e.g., do you have a partner, kids, pets, hobbies and interests outside of work).

In general, we welcome you to share stories and experiences about your pathway, any career transitions, and how you got started in the process. There is a stereotype that all earth sciences are “outdoorsy”, and that you have to be “outdoorsy” to work in these fields. It would be great to especially highlight a variety of activities you do, i.e. hiking and book club! Make sure to include things that young college students can relate to. We all know that science happens in teams, but students do not know this. So please tell us how you collaborate and work in a team. Tell us about your role on that team.

Finally, please tell them how you have developed your talent and abilities. Are there any strategies that you can share about how effort leads to mastery, even when a concept or task is difficult? Finally, please tell them why you think science needs them!

Please don't stress out about the IGNITE presentation; we hope you have fun pulling this together!

Here is an [example of an IGNITE presentation](#) from a previous panelist.