Citations in Academic Presentations

Remembering to cite any outside sources you use on a poster, visual presentation, or PowerPoint is essential to honest academic work. One way to do this is to have a specific section for references, as seen here:

Another method, especially used for PowerPoint and other presentations which are primarily visual in nature, is to list the citation at the bottom of the image or slide itself:

In this method the citation should be large enough to read, but not so large that it detracts from the image itself.
Finding Citation Style Guides

Many different citation styles exist and different disciplines favor different styles. An easy collection of online sources for exploring them is our Citation & Style Guide, found at go/citations. The Guide also includes links to various bibliographic tools like RefWorks, EndNote, Zotero, and others.

In you’re in the library and want to look at the print versions of various style guides, which often contain more guidance for citations when the item you’re citing has multiple formats or is a rare kind of format, here’s some handy call numbers for the most-used citation styles:

American Chemical Society (ACS): QD8.5 .A25 – in Reference area at Armstrong

American Psychological Association (APA): BF76.7 .P83 – in Reference areas at Davis & Armstrong

Chicago: LB2369 .C57 – in Reference areas at Davis, Armstrong & Music


Turabian: LB2369 .T8 – in Reference areas at Davis & Armstrong

And remember, librarians are available to help with citation questions. Visit go/askus to see our Reference hours, ask a question via our web form, and find out how to use our texting service.