

# *Welcome to the* **Discovery Session** **Webinar**



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# Discovery Sessions

***Collaborative, Fun, & Low Stress!***



# Agenda

- Defining and deconstructing the basics of a discovery session
- Best practices for chunking & presenting information in a brief and meaningful fashion
- Strategies for managing a dynamic, interactive, & mobile audience

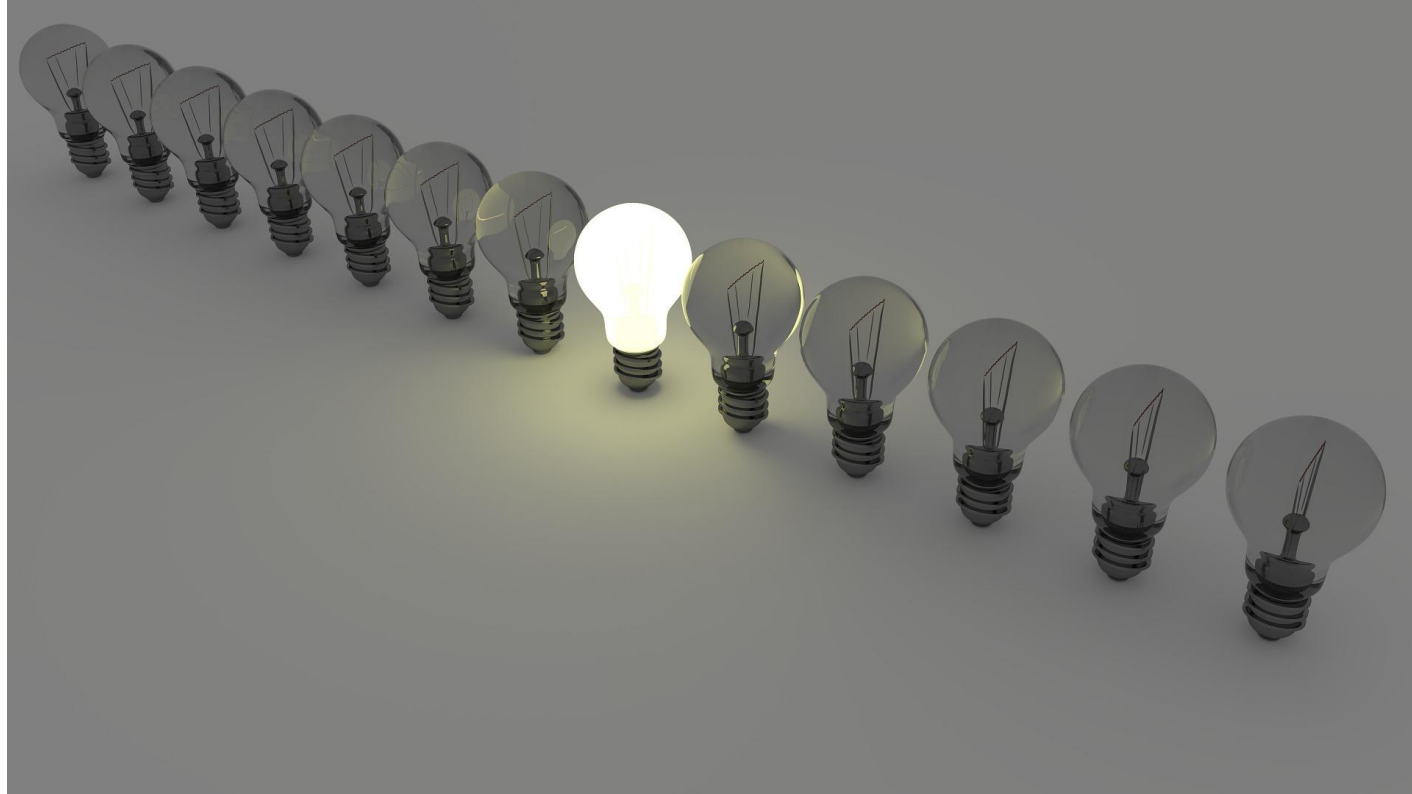
# What are Discovery Sessions?



# Set Up & Design Tips



# Pitch Your Best Idea





# So many people!



# What to Do (and what not to do)

## DO

- Make it fun & engaging
- Use multiple devices
- Stop, engage, interact



## DO NOT

- Fail to pause/ recognize new arrivers
- Use audio/video as primary
- Be afraid to point to a 2nd device/handouts



# How to Include All Participants



1. Consider the space allowance
2. Body orientation
3. Take names/give cards
4. Use tech

# Many Devices Can be Fun @ a Discovery Session!



# Using Your Display to Engage





# Final Tips on Engagement

- Title slide with your session #, tell them to tweet photos
- Live polling
- Hands-on
- Take photos with them!

- Tell a story
- Ask their stories
- Collect names/cards/emails
- Lamps, candy, & ambiance

A woman with long brown hair in a ponytail, wearing a bright orange t-shirt, a light blue scarf, and white sunglasses, is shown from the side with her arms raised in a celebratory gesture. She is wearing a pink wristband on her right wrist. The background is a bright, hazy sunset or sunrise over a city skyline, with the sun low on the horizon creating a strong lens flare effect. The overall mood is one of triumph and achievement.

DO YOU  
HAVE A  
**SUCCESS**  
**STORY?**

# Additional Resources to Share for Your Session

- [Presenter Services](#)
- [Presenter Guides \(All\)](#)
- [Discovery Session Guide](#)

OLC Insights



[Blog:](#)

[What's all the Buzz about  
Discovery Sessions,  
Anyway?!](#)





# Room Set-up

- Presenters:
  - High counter and low table with chair
  - Position numbers 1-11 posted on your session listing and correspond to numbers on tables in Ballroom Promenade
  - HDMI connection to display monitor
  - Power strip at each table
  - Upload slides/handouts to the conference management system



# Presenter Considerations

- 16:9 slide format
- Start/End with session eval slide and encourage attendees to submit evaluations - a few presenter prizes also!
- Wireless internet in conference space
- OLC Staff member in Discovery Session area to assist as needed

## Evaluate Sessions and Win!



👍 Evaluate Session

- Download and open OLC Conferences mobile app
- Navigate to specific session to evaluate
- Select "Evaluate Session" on session details screen (located under session type and track)
- Complete session evaluation\*

\*Each session evaluation completed (limited to one per session) = one contest entry  
**Five (5) \$25 gift cards** will be awarded  
Must submit evals using the OLC Conferences mobile app or website



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# Coaching Opportunities for Presenters

## Pre-conference Coaching



Connect with a coach to explore strategies for engaging your audience, enhancing your slides, practice presenting, and more.

## Onsite Coaching



Have a coach attend your live presentation at the conference and receive custom feedback.

## Coaching

One of the best ways to improve upon a skill is to work with a coach who can offer feedback and guidance that is tailored specifically to your needs. OLC now offers this as a free service to all conference presenters. However, there are a limited number of coaching sessions being offered this year. Signing up early is highly recommended.

Coaching sessions will take place in late February and early March 2020.

[Sign Up for Coaching!](#)

# Thank you for attending today!



Follow Up  
Questions?

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