

UCSD Grad SLAM 2024

Preliminary Round Participant Guidelines



Welcome to the [2024 Grad SLAM competition!](#)

Follow these guidelines when making and submitting your 3-minute video in the **Preliminary Round**.

Some important things to note:

- The deadline to submit your video is **Wednesday, February 21st at 11:59 p.m. (PST)**.
- All graduate students currently enrolled (or on filing fee status) in a UCSD Masters' or Doctoral program (including JDP, School of Medicine and School of Pharmacy) are eligible to participate.
- In cases of collaborative research, the participant's contribution must be clearly specified.
- Participants are being judged on the content of their talk, not the quality of their video (see [judges' ballot form](#)).
- Eligible participants who follow all video guidelines and submit a video will receive a \$50 VISA gift card.

When making/creating/ recording the video, keep in mind the following:

- Timing will commence from the moment the participant engages with the audience.
 - If they start with a hand clap, a gesture, an audio or video clip or any other engagements, prior to speaking, the clock begins.
 - If there is no such engagement, the clock starts when the participant begins speaking.
- Participants who finish 5 seconds before or after 3 minutes will have their time taken into consideration by the judges.
- You may practice but your video submission must be continuous with no edits or breaks and the submitted video must be of a single unedited take
- Participant must be viewable on screen for the entire duration of your video.
- One PowerPoint slide is allowed but optional; Prezi or other presentation formats are not allowed.
- If you choose to use slides:
 - **Videos are limited to ONE slide, excluding the [title slide](#).**
 - **All work on slides must be original to the participant and cannot be generated by a professional.**
 - Embedding of audio and/or video clips is allowed
 - Props are allowed, but they need to be cleared in advance of the preliminary round
 - Animations and transitions are allowed

Please see [FAQ sheet](#) for more details.

To submit the final video, fill out the [UCSD Grad SLAM 2024 submission form](#).

The video should be titled with the following format: **LastName_FirstName_2024GradSlam.mp4**

For additional support with how to get started, check out these [preparation resources](#) that UC San Diego has organized on the Grad SLAM Competition Page.

If you have questions, please contact gradlife@ucsd.edu. We look forward to seeing your talks!

grad.ucsd.edu/student-life/events/gradslam