Welcome to the 2021 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 Tuesday, February 16th at 11:59p.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 presenter’s contribution must be clearly specified.
- You are being judged on the content of your talk, not the quality of your video (see judges’ ballot form).
- Eligible students who follow all video guidelines and submit a video will receive a $50 VISA gift card.

When making your video, keep in mind the following:

- Timing will commence from the moment the student engages with the audience
  - If s/he starts 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 student begins speaking.
- Students 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.
- You must be viewable on screen for the entire duration of your video.
- PowerPoint slides are allowed but optional; Prezi or other presentation formats are not allowed.
  - If you choose to use slides:
    - You are limited to 3 slides, excluding title slide which is generated by UCSD.
    - All work on slides must be original to the student 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 not allowed.

Please see FAQ sheet for more details.

To submit your final video, fill out the UCSD Grad SLAM 2021 submission form.
Your video should be titled with the following format: LastName_FirstName_2021GradSlam.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