

UCSD Grad SLAM 2021

Preliminary Round Participant Guidelines



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!

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