UCR Grad Slam 2022

Competitor Orientation

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Please note*

- Please go to our website for the most up to date information on the 2022 Grad Slam competition:
  - https://gsrc.ucr.edu/grad-slam-2022

- Consult the FAQ page for the latest updates:
  - https://gsrc.ucr.edu/grad-slam-2022#faq

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Orientation Goals

- Get to know Grad Slam!

- Become familiar with competition regulations

- Become familiar with competition set-up

- Understand Grad Slam judging criteria

- Encourage you to participate

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We will be available for virtual follow ups
- January 4 – January 23rd
  - Tuesdays at 11 am
  - Wednesdays at 2 pm

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What is Grad Slam?

- UC-wide public speaking competition and professional development opportunity

- Describe your research in 3 minutes/3 slides maximum

- Professional development
  - Public speaking workshops
 - Feedback on presentation

- $$ Prizes $$

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Grad Slam's Prizes

- Financial aid rules apply to all prizes:
  - **UCOP Grad Slam Grand Prize:** **$7,000 Fellowship**
  - **UCOP 1st Runner Up:** **$4,000 Fellowship**
  - **UCOP 2nd Runner Up:** **$2,000 Fellowship**
  - **UCOP Audience Choice:** **$1,000 Fellowship**
  - **UCR Grand Prize:** **$5,000 Fellowship**
  - **UCR 1st Runner Up:** **$2,000 Fellowship**
  - **UCR 2nd Runner Up:** **$1,000 Fellowship**
  - **UCR Audience Choice:** **$1,000 Fellowship**
  - **up to 8 Honorable Mentions:** **$100 Fellowship**
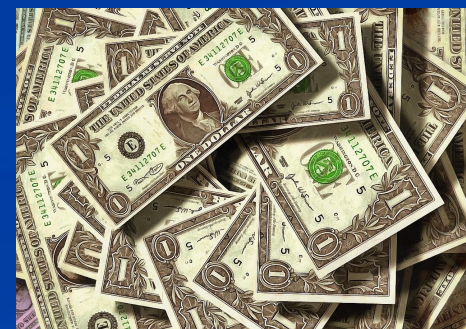
- UCR Grad Slam Winner not eligible to compete again
- 1st & 2nd Runners Up and Audience Choice winner may not compete in following year

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Grad Slam has broad participation and success at UCR

- ~35% of contestants are in the humanities, arts, social sciences, and education (more than other UCs)

- ~20% of contestants make it to the UCR Finals (1 in 5 chance!)

- ~25% of finalists are international students

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2022 Grad Slam Overview

Combination of virtual and in-person events

- Preliminary Round
  - Submit your pre-recorded video by January 24
  - Judged asynchronously by Grad Division Staff

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Combination of virtual and in-person events

- Semi-Final Round on February 17
  - Present live on Zoom; presentation recorded
  - Judged asynchronously by mixture of industry, education, and nonprofit figures

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- Final Round on March 3
  - MUST be present at UCR on this date
  - Present live at the Alumni Center in front of judges while live-streaming to a wider audience
  - Judged synchronously by industry and community leaders, and alumni

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- UC System-Wide Event in San Francisco
  May 6, 2022

  - Details TBA

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PREPARATION

Before Grad Slam

- Watch this orientation video and take quiz at the end of this slideshow prior to workshops
- Attend at least 1 Workshop
- Fill out application and upload Preliminary Video by January 24, 2022

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Before Grad Slam

- Professional Development and Coaching
  - Virtual workshop: with Bri McWhorter from "<u>Activate to Captivate</u>"
    - January 11
  - Virtual workshop: "Presenting Effectively with Visual Aids" with <u>Dr. Annika Speer</u>
    - January 18

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Before Grad Slam

- Office hours with Grad Division Staff for tips and pointers
  - January 4 – January 23
  - <u>Tuesdays 11 am</u>; <u>Wednesdays 2 pm</u>

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PRESENTATION GUIDELINES

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Grad Slam Guidelines

Who can Participate?

- Current Graduate Student in Good Standing at UCR (no more than 1 year behind normative time)
- Enrolled through Spring 2022
- Must be available for Semifinal round on February 17, and present at UCR for Final round on March 3.

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Grad Slam Guidelines

- "Elevator Talk" to non-expert audience

- 3 minutes max with only 3-second grace period

- Maximum 3 contestant-generated PowerPoint slides, which may not be created or edited by a professional

- Slides may contain *embedded* audio or video but may not include **animations**

Grad Slam Guidelines

- MUST be PowerPoint slides; use "slides as background option"

- Must be set to 16:9 aspect ratio

- Must be in landscape (horizontal) orientation

- Avoid fancy PPT Themes if possible (harder for us to add Grad Division-generated title card slides)

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Grad Slam Guidelines

This is animation

- Do not
- Use this kind
- Of animation
- Or you will be
- DISQUALIFIED

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Grad Slam Guidelines
This is an embedded video

- It's not a link to a video
- It shouldn't be very long or take up much of your 3 minutes!
- Must be self-playing—you can't click to start or stop it.

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Grad Slam Guidelines

- Images used in slides must be either public domain, intellectual property of the speaker, or fall under "fair use" provisions

- MIT's Guide to Using Images http://libguides.mit.edu/c.php?g=176183&p=1158973
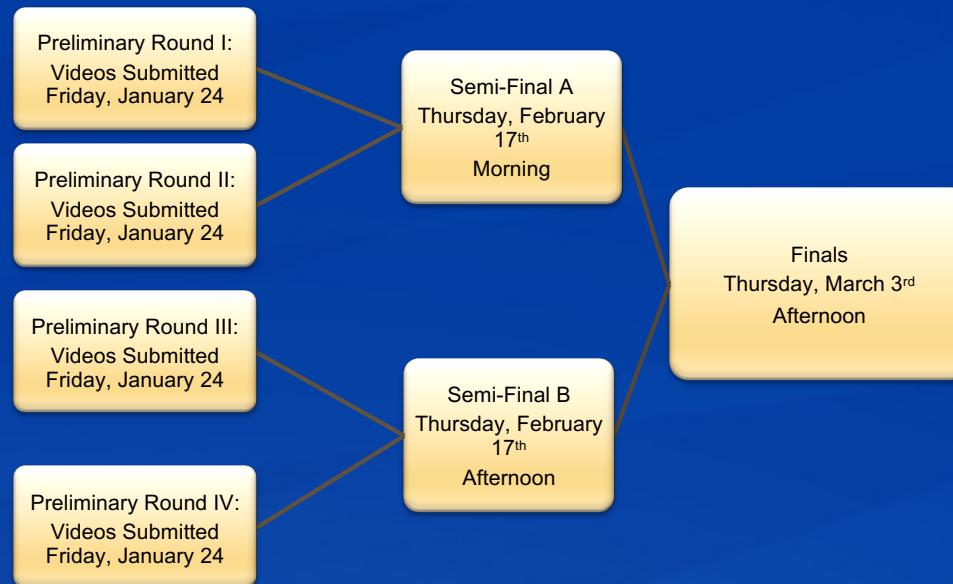
- "Can I Use That Picture?" http://relativelycurious.com/can-i-use-that-picture/

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Grad Slam Guidelines

- Props may be allowed for in-person presentations (final round): must be cleared with Laura
  - No live animals, dangerous gases/viruses, etc. – use your common sense

How the Competition Works

- **Preliminary**
- **Semifinal**
- **Final**

Preliminary Round I:
Videos Submitted
Friday, January 24

Preliminary Round II:
Videos Submitted
Friday, January 24

Preliminary Round III:
Videos Submitted
Friday, January 24

Preliminary Round IV:
Videos Submitted
Friday, January 24

Semi-Final A
Thursday, February 17th
Morning

Semi-Final B
Thursday, February 17th
Afternoon

Finals
Thursday, March 3rd
Afternoon

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Recording your Preliminary Round Grad Slam Presentation

- Resources on web site to help you
- Can record on Zoom, YuJa, or whichever platform you prefer.
- Most people will record a shared PowerPoint presentation.
- Use the "slides as background" option on Zoom

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Submitting your Application and Preliminary Round Grad Slam Presentation

Applications and Recorded Presentations Due Monday, January 24, at 5 pm

- Fill out <u>online application</u> (also linked below this video in YouTube)
- Note media release form at end of application
- At bottom of application, upload 3-minute video

Please upload your video here. Refer to the Grad Slam web site for best practices. The file name should have the form LastName_FirstName_Program.

⬆ Add file

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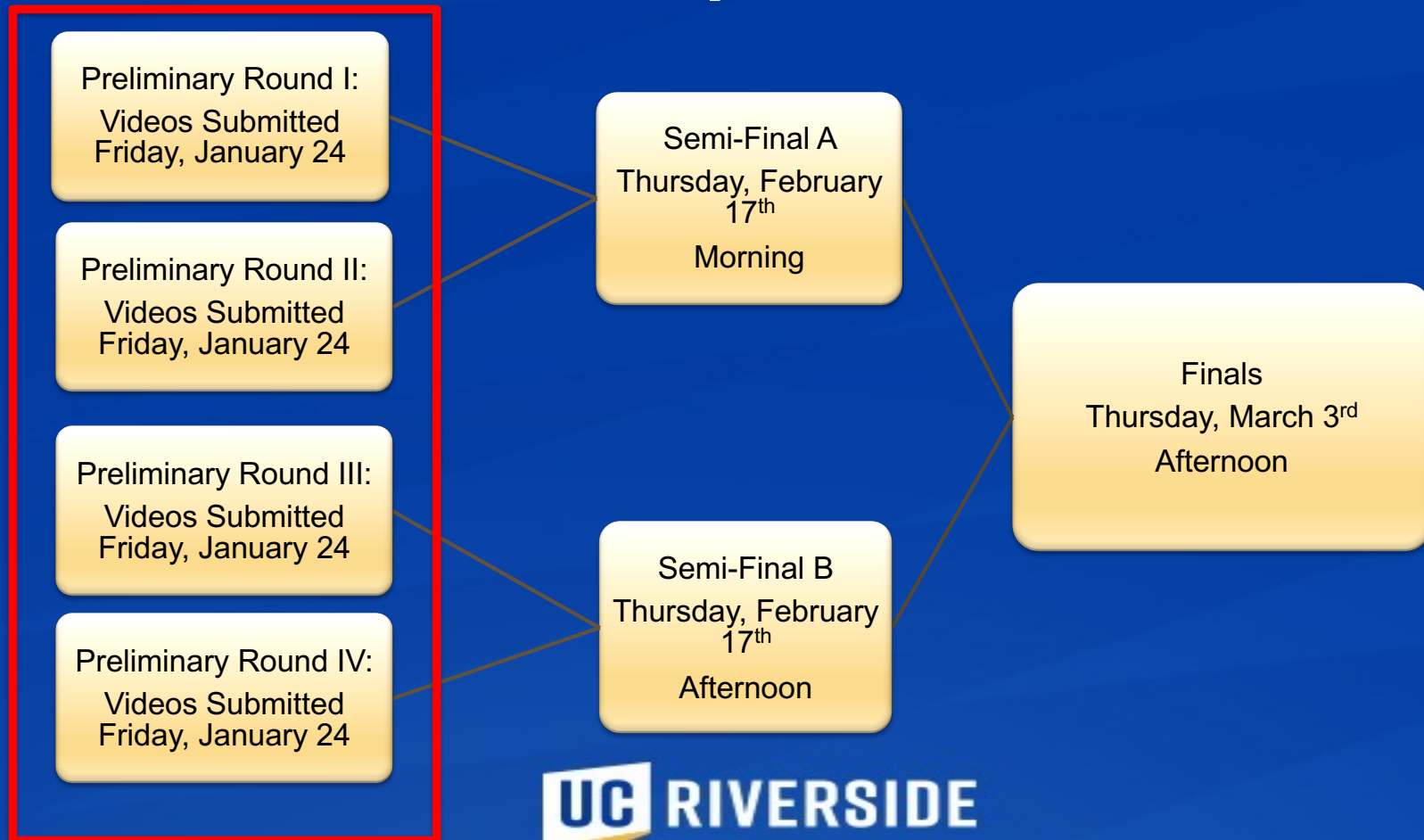
The Competition: Advancing

Blue Group

Judges Score: 70

Judges Score: 62

Judges Score: 60

Judges Score: 55

Judges Score: 48

Judges Score: 44

Judges Score: 39

Judges Score: 35

Gold Group

Judges Score: 60

Judges Score: 58

Judges Score: 57

Judges Score: 55

Judges Score: 52
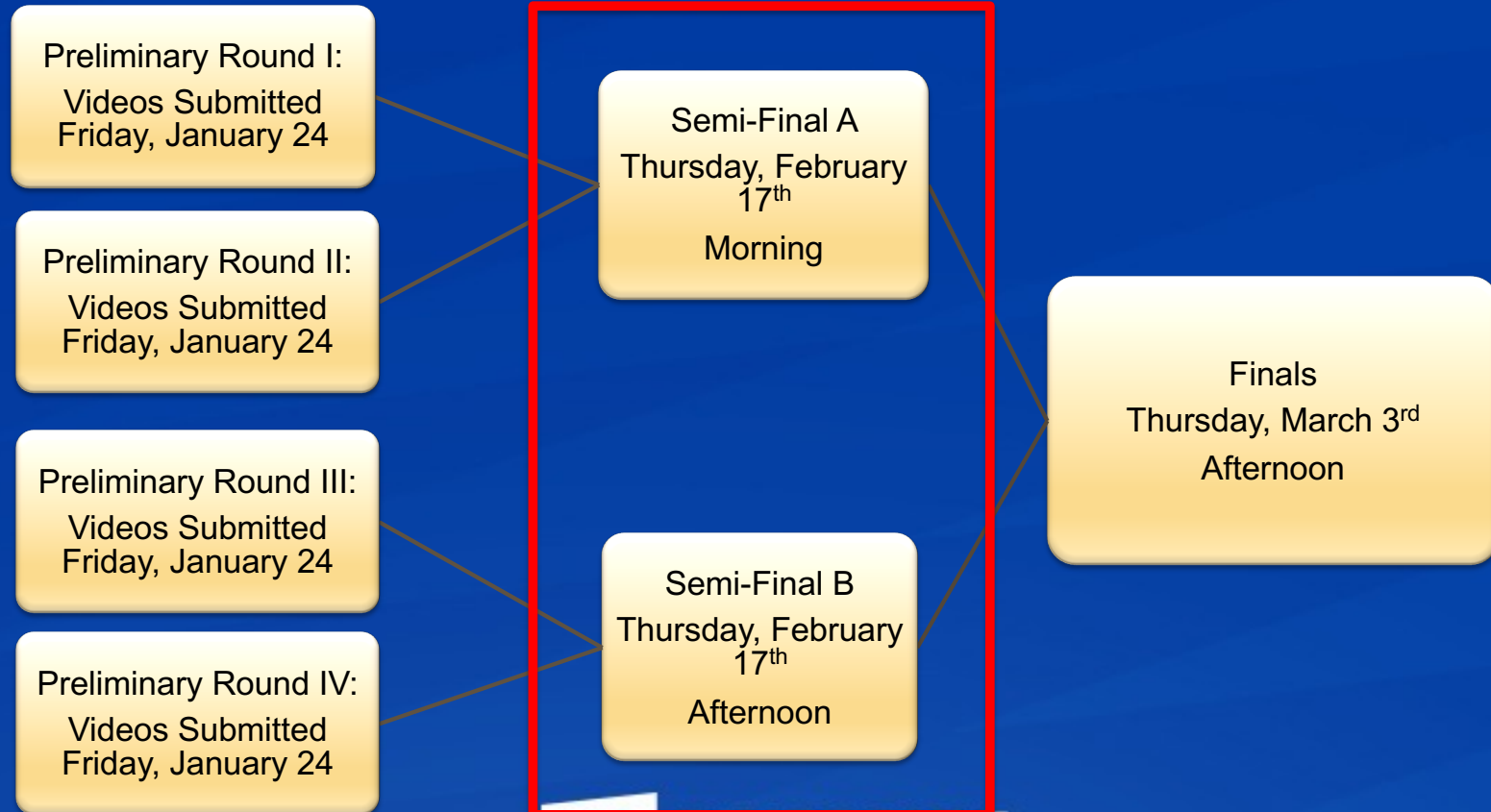
Judges Score: 50

Judges Score: 50

Judges Score: 49

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The Competition: Advancing

Top 2 scores for both groups will advance to next stage

Blue Group

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Judges Score: 62

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Judges Score: 55

Judges Score: 48

Judges Score: 44

Judges Score: 39

Judges Score: 35

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Judges Score: 49

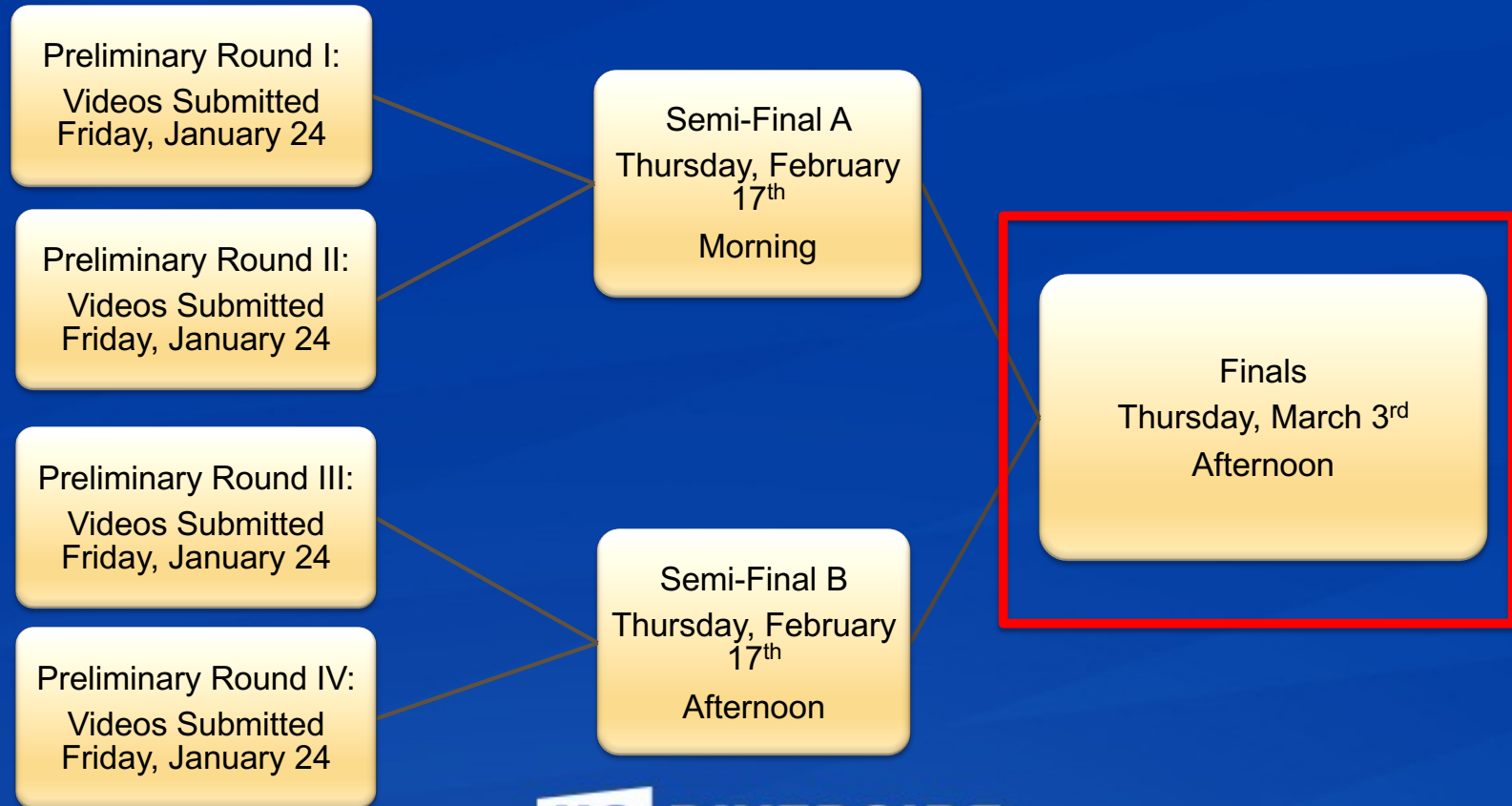UC RIVERSIDE

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Feedback and Preparation for Semifinals

- Grad Staff will provide additional virtual/remote feedback and suggestions for contestants advancing to semifinals

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UCR Grad Slam Semifinals

- Semifinals will be timed, online, via Zoom presentations on February 17th.

- Judges will review recorded video asynchronously.

- Contestants will upload presentation PPT slides ahead of time to Grad Division.

- Grad Division advances slides and records presentation.

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UCR Grad Slam Finals

- Live, in-person, on stage at Alumni Center to judges and a small, select audience seated with social distancing on March 3rd. Live-streamed to wider audience.

- Invitations to the Final and feedback will be sent on Friday, February 21st

- Must be present during entire round

- Must check in at least 30 MINUTES before competition begins

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The Competition – Finals

Procedural differences when we get to the UCR/UCOP Finals:

- At the final round, there is no color grouping – the entire panel of judges scores *every* contestant.

- Audience Choice Award: Audience members on live stream can select their favorite presentation via an online form.

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During Grad Slam Final

- Media during final round presentation:
    - You may have notes/hard copy of your presentation
    - Graduate Division staff will control Grad Slam computer and projector
    - You will have access to a clicker (3 clicks!)

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During Grad Slam

- Time during presentation:
  - 3 minutes TOTAL for presentation
  - Yellow card at 10 seconds left
  - Red card at 0 seconds left
  - Red card continually held up – exceeded the 3 second grace period!

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THE JUDGING RUBRIC

Judges

- Distinguished judges with a wide variety of backgrounds

- <u>Preliminary rounds</u>: Four to six judges; each pair of judges (blue pair, gold pair) will judge half of the presenters.

- <u>Semi-Finals</u>: Different judges than in prelims

- <u>Finals</u>: All judges will judge ALL presenters

- Judges will use the same rubric to judge all rounds of the competition

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Rubric

- Highest possible score: 35 points

- Point breakdown:
  - 5 = Excellent
  - 4 = Very Good
  - 3 = Good
  - 2 = Proficient
  - 1 = Poor

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Scorecard: Clarity

- Did the speaker provide adequate background knowledge to make the talk and the importance of the project understandable?

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Scorecard: Organization

- Did the presentation follow a clear and logical sequence?
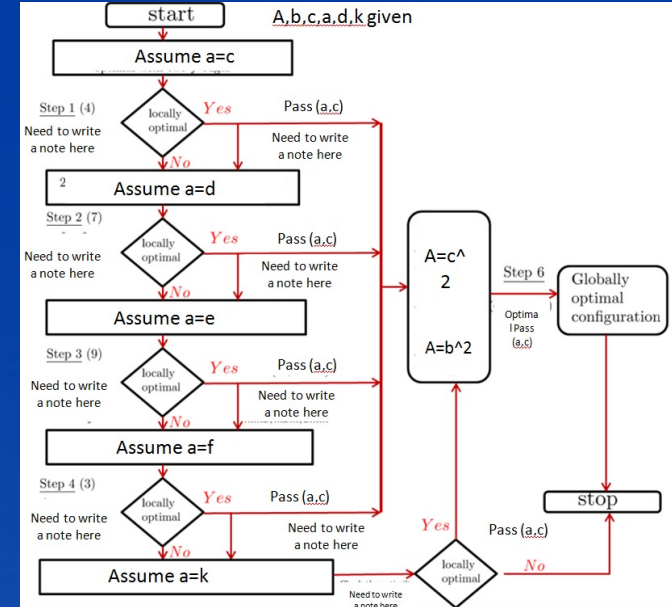
Scorecard: Delivery

- Does the student's body language, eye contact, pace, and vocal range contribute to the presentation's effectiveness?

- Does the student deliver the talk without relying excessively on notes?

- Is the student's presentation style confident and enthusiastic?

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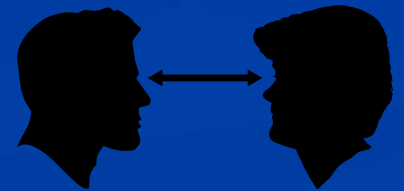
Scorecard: Visuals

- Are the student's visuals (slides, images, video, props, etc.) well-designed, clear, legible, and concise?

- Do the visuals both enhance the presentation and emphasize the primary points of the talk?

- No visuals?
    5 points = I understood the presentation and it kept my attention despite the lack of visuals
    1 point = The presentation needed visuals to help me understand or to keep my attention
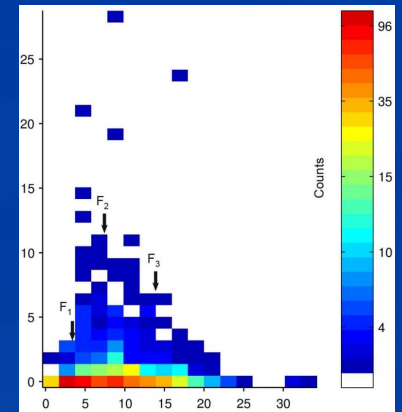
Scorecard: Appropriateness

- Was the topic and its significance communicated in language appropriate to an intelligent, but non-specialist audience?

- Did the speaker avoid discipline-specific jargon or explain it when necessary?

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Scorecard: Significance

- Does the student foreground why this project matters in his/her field?

- If the student presents on collaborative work, was the student's unique contribution clearly specified?

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Scorecard: Engagement

- To what extent did the talk speak to the judges' intellectual curiosity?

- Did it make the judges want to learn more about the topic?

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Scorecard: Comments

- Judges' opportunity to tell the speakers how to improve their presentation styles.
  - We ask them to specifically highlight one area where the speaker does well and one where they can improve.

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LAST FEW THINGS…

UCOP Finals

- The UCR Grand Prize winner will receive all expense paid trip to San Francisco for the UCOP Finals in May
- The UC UCOP Grand Prize winner will receive $7,000

Final To Dos

To be eligible to compete, you must:

- View this orientation and the quiz at the end

- Attend at least 1 introductory/professional development workshop

- Submit application and upload recorded Preliminary Presentation by January 24

- Be available for Semifinal competition on Feb 17 and Final competition on March 3

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Review Quiz

What is the maximum number of slides in a Grad Slam presentation?

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Review Quiz

How many minutes are Grad Slam presentations?

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Review Quiz

How many minutes are Grad Slam presentations?

- 3 minutes

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Review Quiz

True or False: Grad Slam presentations should avoid discipline-specific jargon

Review Quiz

True or False: Grad Slam slides can include animations

Review Quiz

What do I need to do to compete?

- View orientation video/slides
- Fill out application
- Submit recording for preliminary round
- All of the above

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For your reference

- We will follow up with you regarding training sessions leading up to the preliminary video submission.

- Application form linked <u>here</u>, QR Code below, and in comments for this video on YouTube

Presentation Resources

- UCSB's "Grad Slam Advice: How to Design a Winning Presentation" http://archive.gradpost.ucsb.edu/life/2014/2/20/grad-slam-advice-how-to-design-a-winning-presentation.html

- UCB Professor Jonathan Shewchuk's "Giving an Academic Talk" https://people.eecs.berkeley.edu/~jrs/speaking.html

- Explaining Quantum Computing to Kids, Students, and Professionals https://youtu.be/OWJCfOvochA

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