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:

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

• $$ Prizes $$
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
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
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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• 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
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
Before Grad Slam

• Professional Development and Coaching
  • Virtual workshop: with Bri McWhorter from “Activate to Captivate”
    • January 11
  • Virtual workshop: “Presenting Effectively with Visual Aids” with Dr. Annika Speer
    • January 18
Before Grad Slam

- Office hours with Grad Division Staff for tips and pointers
  - January 4 – January 23
  - Tuesdays 11 am; Wednesdays 2 pm
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.
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)
Grad Slam Guidelines

This is animation

• Do not
• Use this kind
• Of animation
• Or you will be
• DISQUALIFIED
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.
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/
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
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
Submitting your Application and Preliminary Round Grad Slam Presentation

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

• Fill out online application (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.
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The Competition: Advancing

Blue Group

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- Judges Score: 55
- Judges Score: 48
- Judges Score: 44
- Judges Score: 39
- Judges Score: 35

Gold Group

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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
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.
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!)
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!
THE JUDGING RUBRIC
Judges

• Distinguished judges with a wide variety of backgrounds

• Preliminary rounds: Four to six judges; each pair of judges (blue pair, gold pair) will judge half of the presenters.

• Semi-Finals: Different judges than in prelims

• Finals: All judges will judge ALL presenters

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

• Highest possible score: 35 points

• Point breakdown:
  • 5 = Excellent
  • 4 = Very Good
  • 3 = Good
  • 2 = Proficient
  • 1 = Poor
Scorecard: Clarity

• Did the speaker provide adequate background knowledge to make the talk and the importance of the project understandable?
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?
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?
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?
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?
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.
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
Review Quiz

What is the maximum number of slides in a Grad Slam presentation?
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• 3 slides
Review Quiz

How many minutes are Grad Slam presentations?
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Review Quiz

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

• True!
True or False: Grad Slam slides can include animations
Review Quiz

True or False: Grad Slam slides can include animations

• False!
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 [here](#), QR Code below, and in comments for this video on YouTube
Presentation Resources

• UCSB’s “Grad Slam Advice: How to Design a Winning Presentation”

• 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/OWJ CfOvochA
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