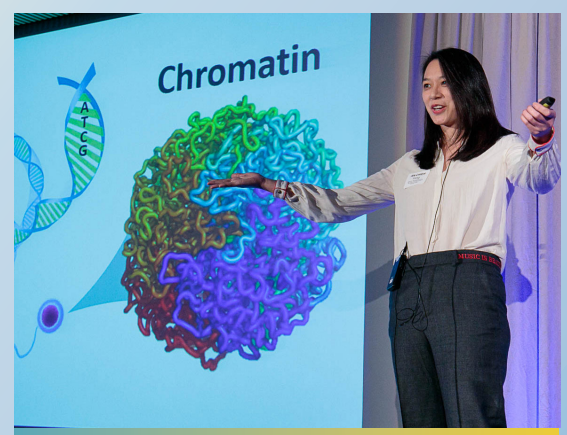




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March 2 - May 5

Open to all Master's and Doctoral students!

WHAT IS THE GRAD SLAM CHALLENGE?

Graduate students are challenged to articulate their graduate research aimed at a non-specialist audience. Attend a small group coaching session and submit a 3-minute video presentation with up to 3 slides to be eligible to receive a \$50 Amazon gift card.

WHY SIGN UP?

Learn how to articulate your research concisely and effectively, while honing your public speaking skills. Communicate to an audience outside your field about the amazing research you are doing and its potential impact.

TOP 10 VIDEO SUBMISSIONS

This year's Grad Slam will not have any competition rounds or prizes. However, the Top 10 video submissions will be selected and posted on our website on May 5, 2021.

PARTICIPATION GIFT

Registered participants who complete the challenge will be eligible to receive a **\$50 Amazon gift card**, courtesy of the Graduate Division.

UC-WIDE COMPETITION

The 2020 UCLA campus winner will advance to the UC-wide virtual competition on Friday, May 7, 2021.

JOIN THE GRAD SLAM CHALLENGE

Visit grad.ucla.edu/gradslam2021 for eligibility criteria, workshop information, and registration.

**EXTENDED REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2021, 11:59 PST**

COMPLETE THE CHALLENGE

1. Attend a Small Group Coaching Session*

This will be a practice presentation session to solicit valuable feedback from peer mentors, who were past Grad Slam winners and finalists.

Monday, March 29, 2021 | 4 pm - 5 pm

Tuesday, March 30, 2021 | 9 am - 10 am

Tuesday, March 30, 2021 | 5 pm - 6 pm

Thursday, April 1, 2021 | 4 pm - 5 pm

Friday, April 2, 2021 | 3 pm - 4 pm

**Reserved for registered Grad Slam Challenge participants only*

2. Submit a 3 -minute video presentation

Articulate your graduate research by presenting virtually. No special effects or editing allowed. You will receive written feedback from esteemed reviewers.

3. Submit a PowerPoint presentation with up to 3 slides

Complementary visual aids will help audiences understand and recall the key takeaways from your presentation.

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GRAD SLAM PREP WORKSHOPS

Need help preparing for your video presentation? Save these dates and sign up below or on the website under the “How Do I Prepare? Workshops” tab! **Workshops are open to all graduate and professional students, regardless of entry in the Grad Slam Challenge.**

Grad Slam 101: How to Get Started

Tuesday, March 2 | 11 am - 12 pm | Zoom

Register at: <http://bit.ly/GradSlam101-2021>

You signed up for Grad Slam, but what's next? Not quite sure where to start? Join us at our Grad Slam brainstorming session to choose your presentation topic and start outlining your ideas.

Crafting a Compelling Presentation Workshop

Wednesday, March 3 | 12 pm - 1 pm | Zoom

Register at <http://bit.ly/CraftingaCompellingPresentation>

In this workshop, you'll learn how to craft a compelling presentation that inspires your audience and promotes your research in an authentic way. The principles you'll learn can be applied in any setting but the activities will be tailored to include Grad Slam best practices.

Basic Design Principles for Visual Presentations Workshop

Thursday, March 4 | 12 pm - 1 pm | Zoom

Register at <http://bit.ly/DesignPrinciples2021>

This interactive workshop will introduce the audience to universal design principles that can be applied when creating visual presentations using any platform, such as PowerPoint, Prezi, and Haiku Deck.

Delivering an Engaging Virtual Presentation Workshop

Friday, March 5 | 12 pm - 1:30 pm | Zoom

Register at <http://bit.ly/DeliveringanEngagingVirtualPresentation>

Attend this workshop to learn about presenting effectively and confidently in a virtual environment. You'll learn about storytelling techniques that you can use for your research presentation and a video submission for the Grad Slam.

The Secrets of Virtual Public Speaking - **JUST ADDED**

Tuesday, March 9 | 1 pm - 2 pm | Zoom

Register at <http://bit.ly/TheSecretsofVirtualPublicSpeaking>

Learn the secrets of public speaking for a virtual environment, how to transfer in-person public speaking skills to an online platform, how to use online tools to connect with your audience, and how to effectively use video conferencing features.

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