



GRAD SLAM

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2022



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2020 UCLA Grad Slam, 1st Place
2021 UC Grad Slam, 2nd Place

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WHAT IS GRAD SLAM?

Present your research in **3 minutes** with just **3 slides** aimed at a non-specialist audience. Think of it as a TED talk on steroids!

This year's competition is in a hybrid format consisting of a video submission qualifying round and an in-person final competition and celebratory reception.

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

WIN PRIZES

1st Place: \$5,000

2nd Place: \$3,000

3rd Place: \$2,000

Audience Choice: \$1,000

All Qualifying Round Presenters: \$50 gift card*

All Other Final Round Runners-Up: \$500

**Qualifying round presenters must attend one Small Group Coaching session, and submit a 3-minute video presentation with 3 slides.*

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Register Now!

Open to all Master's and Doctoral students!

REGISTRATION

Visit grad.ucla.edu/gradslam2022 for eligibility criteria, workshop information, and registration.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2022, 11:59 PST

GRAD SLAM COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Registration: January 5-24, 2022

Optional Prep Workshops: January 24-28, 2022

Small Group Coaching Sessions: February 7-10, 2022

Video Submission Qualifying Round: February 14, 2022

Final Competition: March 9, 2022

VIDEO SUBMISSION QUALIFYING ROUND

To enter the qualifying round, you must attend one small group coaching session AND submit a self-recorded 3-minute video presentation with 3 PowerPoint slides by Monday, February 14, 2022.

FINAL COMPETITION & CELEBRATORY RECEPTION

Wednesday, March 9, 2022 | 5 pm - 7:30 pm

UCLA Meyer and Renee Luskin Conference Center

UC GRAD SLAM COMPETITION

Friday, May 6, 2022

The campus winner will advance to the UC-wide competition in San Francisco, CA.

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EXPECTED PARTICIPATION

1. **Register for Grad Slam** by **MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2022, 11:59 PST.**

2. Attend the Grad Slam Prep Workshops

To help you prepare for your presentation, these four optional Grad Slam prep virtual workshops are available and open to all graduate students: *Grad Slam 101: How to Get Started*, *Crafting a Compelling Presentation Workshop*, *Basic Presentation Skills: How To Resonate With Your Audience Workshop*, and *Design Principles for Virtual Presentations Workshop*

3. Attend one Small Group Coaching Session | February 7-10, 2022

Participating students must come prepared with a draft of their presentations. These virtual small group sessions give students the opportunity to present before the group via zoom and receive feedback both from the coach and Grad Slam peers who will also be in attendance. *These sessions are for registered Grad Slam participants only.*

4. Submit a 3-minute video presentation with 3 slides by February 14, 2022

Using zoom, self-record a 3-minute video and PowerPoint presentation with up to 3 slides. Slides are optional, but highly encouraged. Along with your video, complementary visual aids will help audiences understand and recall the key takeaways from your presentation. To enter the qualifying round, you must attend one small group coaching session AND submit a self-recorded 3-minute video presentation with 3 PowerPoint slides by Monday, February 14, 2022.

If you need equipment or space to record your video presentation, please visit grad.ucla.edu/gradslam2022 and click on the "Video Recording Resources" tab for available campus resources and information.

5. Present in-person, if selected as a finalist

Based on the qualifying videos, ten finalists will be selected to advance. If you are a selected as a finalist, plan to be in attendance on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 for the in-person final competition and celebratory reception.

6. Represent UCLA, if selected as campus winner.

If you are the campus winner, you must be able to represent UCLA in the UC Grad Slam competition in-person on Friday, May 6, 2022 in San Francisco. *(Due to COVID response protocols and state travel restrictions, this event may shift to a virtual competition.)*

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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 Grad Slam.**

Grad Slam 101: How to Get Started

Monday, January 24, 2022 | 12 pm – 1 pm | Zoom Registration: <https://bit.ly/2022GradSlam101>

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. *Facilitated by former Grad Slam finalists.*

Crafting a Compelling Presentation Workshop

Tuesday, January 25, 2022 | 12 pm - 1 pm | Zoom Registration: <https://bit.ly/2022CraftingaCompellingPresentation>

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. Training facilitated by Anousheh Shayestehpour, *Director, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at UCLA.*

Design Principles for Virtual Presentations Workshop (UPDATED DATE)

Thursday, January 27, 2022 | 12 pm – 1 pm | Zoom Registration: <https://bit.ly/2022DesignPrinciplesforVirtualPresentations>

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. Training facilitated by Kelsey Duff *Professional & Career Development Portfolio Manager, UCLA Campus Human Resources.*

Basic Presentation Skills: How To Resonate With Your Audience Workshop (UPDATED DATE)

Friday, January 28, 2022 | 12 pm – 1 pm | Zoom Registration: <https://bit.ly/2022BasicPresentationSkills>

This workshop will help you articulate your information and content in a manner that is well received by a “non-specialist” audience increasing retention. Improve your understanding of how adults prefer to take in, process, and synthesize new knowledge allowing your presentation to resonate with a disparate audience. Training facilitated by David Fuller, *Training Consultant, UCLA Campus Human Resources, Learning & Organizational Development.*

SMALL GROUP COACHING SESSIONS

February 7-10, 2022

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