UC SANTA BARBARA
Graduate Division

2021
UC Santa Barbara Virtual Grad Slam

Monday, March 8, 2021
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
UCSB YouTube Channel
EVENT PROGRAM

Opening Remarks
by Interim Dean Leila Rupp

Video Presentations and Individual Q&A

Q&A with All Students and Voting for People’s Choice Award

People’s Choice Award Announcement
by George Degen (2019 Grad Slam Champion)

Runner-Ups Announcement

Grand Prize Winner Announcement

Closing Remarks

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Dr. Leila J. Rupp
Interim Anne and Michael Towbes Graduate Dean
UC Santa Barbara

MEET THE JUDGES

FINAL ROUND

David Marshall
UCSB Executive Vice Chancellor

Margaret Klawunn
UCSB Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

Joseph Incandela
UCSB Vice Chancellor for Research

Gerardo Aldana
UCSB Dean of the College of Creative Studies

Carol Genetti
Vice Provost for Graduate and Postdoctoral Programs, NYU Abu Dhabi
Anne and Michael Towbes Graduate Dean Emerita, UCSB
Presenters are allowed three minutes and three slides for their presentation and are judged based on the following criteria:

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

**Organization:** Did the presentation follow a clear and logical sequence?

**Delivery:** Pace, enthusiasm, confidence, body language, eye contact, and vocal range.

**Visuals:** Did the visuals enhance the presentation and help to emphasize the primary points of the talk? If no visuals, would the presentation have been more clear and engaging if used?

** 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?

**Intellectual Significance:** Did the speaker explain why the project matters and its significance to the academic discipline?

**Engagement:** To what extent did the talk speak to your intellectual curiosity? Did it make you want to learn more about the topic?
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Prizes

Grand Champion: $5,000 and the honor of representing UCSB at the UC-Wide Grad Slam
(2) Runners up: $2,500
(1) People’s Choice Award: $1,500
(6) Finalists: $750
SONOS Speakers for all finalists
Equipment cost reimbursement up to $75 for all qualifying round participants

People’s Choice Award Presenter
George Degen, a doctoral student in Chemical Engineering, will present today’s People’s Choice Award. George took top honors as UCSB’s 2019 Grad Slam Grand Champion. He went on to compete against campus champions from all other University of California campuses during the system-wide Grad Slam, with his presentation on “Healing Muscles with Mussels.”

Tune into the UC-Wide Grad Slam competition on Friday May 7 at 9:45 a.m. where you can vote for our UCSB Grand Champion: gradslam.universityofcalifornia.edu