We are excited for you to participate in the 2022 Grad Slam competition! This guide will cover how to submit your 3-minute video for judging in the Qualifying Round.

First off, some important things to note:

- The deadline to submit a video for the Qualifying Round is **Tuesday, February 1, at 11:59pm Pacific**
- We encourage you to create your recording on whatever platform you feel most comfortable using, within the guidelines discussed here
- Remember, you are being judged on the content of your talk rather than the quality of your video, so be sure to focus your energy accordingly! (View a sample judging scorecard)

The Graduate Division has put together a video recording tip sheet and slide deck template (in PowerPoint and Google Slides) that contain helpful but optional suggestions for creating a quality submission. Ultimately, we encourage you to create a presentation that you are comfortable with and proud of. The only video rules you must adhere to are outlined below.

When making your video, keep in mind the following rules:

- You may practice with as many recordings as necessary, but your 3-minute video submission **must be continuous with no edits or breaks**, and the submitted video must be of a single unedited take
- You must be **viewable on screen** the entire time during your video recording
- **IMPORTANT:** You must include a title slide as part of your presentation, since this is the only place it will be displayed for the judges to see (NOTE: your title slide does not count toward your 3 slide maximum, and the 3-minute “timer” begins when you start talking)
  - Your title slide must include your name, department, and the title of your talk
- Remember that if you choose to use slides to accompany your talk, you are limited to a **maximum of 3** and you may not use any animations or transitions without losing points (see more on slide rules)
- Your talk should be **no longer than 3 minutes**; if it goes on longer than this, you are subject to point deductions (see more on timing rules)
- You should **record your video in HD** with a minimum resolution of 1024x768 (1080p at 30fps), or as close to it as you can get; if you are using Zoom, you can ensure the proper settings by doing the following:
  - In the Zoom Video settings tab, make sure the “HD” checkbox is selected
  - In the Zoom Recording settings tab, make sure that the “Optimize for 3rd party video editor” checkbox is selected

To submit your final video, fill out the 2022 Grad Slam submission form. You will only be able to upload files but not make any changes, so be sure that when you are ready to submit, you do not need to make any other changes to your presentation.

Your video file should be titled using the following format:

**YourFirstName_YourLastName_2022GradSlam.mp4**

**New This Year**

- All competitors who submit videos in the Qualifying Round will receive a **$50 gift card**!
- All participants will receive a summary of their Qualifying Round scores, as well as anonymous feedback from the judges, by February 14
- On **Tuesday, February 15, at 1pm**, Qualifying Round participants are invited to join Graduate Division staff for a debrief session where they can discuss their scores/feedback and where the 10 Finalists will be officially announced
- Qualifying Round videos will be made **publicly available** between February 4-15 so that participants can watch each others’ submissions and the broader campus community can appreciate the amazing research of our students

If you have any questions, please contact Shawn Warner.

We look forward to seeing your Grad Slam talks! Visit the Grad Slam page on the GradPost!