

GRAD SLAM

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What is Grad Slam?



- Annual showcase spotlighting graduate research at UCSB through 3-minute talks that are clear, direct, and engaging to diverse audiences
- Over \$20,000 in cash prizes given out at various stages of the showcase
- UCSB's campus champion represents us at the system-wide competition



What's new this year?



Expanded Professional Development Opportunities

- Workshops during fall and winter quarters that focus on key public speaking skills
- Topics include content development, stage presence, visuals, and adapting to different audiences and mediums
- Also practice sessions so participants can get feedback on their talks from Grad Div staff and Grad Slam alum



What's new this year?



Divisional Competitions

- Each department will have an assigned preliminary round (organized so as to provide roughly the same number of enrolled students per group and to increase disciplinary representation in the Final Round)
- Preliminary rounds will happen on Thursdays and Fridays during February 2023 (exact schedule TBD)



What's new this year?



Humanities

- Classics
- Comparative Literature
- East Asian Lang. & Cultural Studies
- English
- History
- Latin American & Iberian Studies
- Linguistics
- Philosophy
- Religious Studies
- Spanish & Portuguese

Arts

- Art
- Art History
- Film & Media Studies
- Media Arts & Technology
- Music
- Theater & Dance

Social Sciences

- Anthropology
- Chican@ Studies
- Communication
- Economics
- Feminist Studies
- Global Studies
- Political Science
- Sociology

Education

- Counseling, Clinical & School Psych.
- Education

Earth & Biological Sciences

- Biomolecular Science & Engineering
- Earth Science
- Ecology, Evolution, & Marine Biology
- Geography
- Marine Science
- Molecular, Cellular, & Develop. Biology

Chemistry & Physics

- Chemistry
- Physics

Engineering A

- Chemical Engineering
- Materials
- Mechanical Engineering

Math & Brain Sciences

- Dynamical Neuroscience
- Math
- Psychological & Brain Sciences
- Statistics

Environmental & Technology Mgmt

- Environmental Science & Management
- Technology Management

Engineering B

- Computer Science
- Electrical & Computer Engineering

What's new this year?



Reconfigured Judging and Scoring

- No more slide restrictions! You can have as many slides as you want and they can have whatever type of content you want
- Currently re-evaluating the scoring rubric
- Changing up the composition of our judging panels to include members of the student body



What's coming up next?



Why Should I Participate in Grad Slam? Special Session for HFA Graduate Students
(Late Oct/early Nov, date TBD)

Why Should I Participate in Grad Slam? Special Session for SS Graduate Students
(Late Oct/early Nov, date TBD)

Crafting Your Elevator Pitch: Special Session for STEM Students (Nov 7, 10am-12pm, ESB 1001)

Crafting Your Elevator Pitch: Special Session for SHEF Students (Nov 15, 2-4pm, McCune)

Creating Content & Visuals for Your Grad Slam Talk (Jan 2023, date TBD)

Data Visualization Workshop with UCSB's Data Carpentry Team (Jan 2023, date TBD)

Grad Slam Practice Sessions (Jan 27 11:00am-12:30pm, Jan 30 2:00-3:30pm, Jan 31
10:30am-12:00pm, SRB MPR)

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Q&A with Grad Slam Alum



Di Caminsky (Linguistics, 2014 Finalist)

Amy Anderson (Anthropology, 2018 Semifinalist)

Lauren Menzer (Environmental Science & Management, 2018 Finalist)

Veronica Laos (Chemistry, 2018 Finalist)

Melissa Gordon Wolf (Education, 2019 Finalist)



Find out more:
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Questions?

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