



2021 UCSB GRAD SLAM

Qualifying Round Participant Submission Guidelines

We are excited for you to participate in the [2021 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 2, 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](#))
- All students who submit a video in the qualifying round are eligible to receive **up to \$75 in reimbursements** for equipment costs (e.g. microphone, tripod, ring light)--a link to submit receipts can be found via the official submission form below

For a detailed guide on best practices for making your video recording, check out the **Tips & Tricks for Creating a High-Quality Grad Slam Recording guide** on the [Grad Slam competition page](#). Please note that this Tips & Tricks guide contains helpful but optional suggestions. Ultimately, we encourage you to create a video 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
- You do not need to introduce yourself or the title of your talk, as this information will be provided to the judges separately
- Remember that if you choose to use slides, 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 entire video recording should be no longer than 3 minutes, and videos that go on longer than this are subject to point deductions (see more on [timing rules](#))

To submit your final video, fill out the [2021 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_2021GradSlam.mp4

If you have any questions, please contact [Shawn Warner](#). We look forward to seeing your Grad Slam talks!

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