

Apply for the Undergraduate Research Slam

Application period: March 1 - April 1

Checklist

- Ensure you are available for the Prelims AND the Finals
 - Prelims: Friday April 24, 2020 (various rounds between 9:00am & 5:00pm)
 - Finals: Thursday, May 7, 2020 (5:30pm - 8:00pm)
- Create your Slam Entry in the URCA Portal
 - Select one of open slots
- Are you part of a group? Get permission from the other members to present
 - If other group members also want to present, your Slam talks should focus on your individual contribution to the project
 - Select "Group" from the dropdown menu on the entry form
- If you are presenting work that is part of a professor's project, speak with them BEFORE applying about whether or not they are comfortable with you presenting the work at the public Slam
- Attend one of the Slam Presentation Workshops (while not required, this is HIGHLY encouraged)

Entry Form

The entry form will open on March 1, 2020 and the deadline to complete an entry form is April 1, 2020.

Eligibility

To be eligible, students must:

- Be a currently-enrolled UCSB undergraduate
- Have worked on their research or creative activity during the 2019 - 2020 academic year
- Be an individual (While groups are allowed to present a single poster at the Colloquium, students may not present as a group in the Slam. Participants within a group should focus their individual presentation on their particular contribution to the group project, and must have permission from other group members to present at the Slam.)

Students do not need to have been awarded an URCA grant to participate in either the Colloquium or the Slam.

Entry and Selection Procedures

Entry for the Slam opens on March 1 and closes on April 1 at 11:59 P.M. PST (no, this is not a joke). Students submit an entry form online. Sign up is first-come, first-served – after 60 students choose a time slot for the first round, students will not be able to sign up for the Slam, and the entry form will be closed. After submitting an entry form, students will be notified via email if they were selected to participate.

Required Presentation Format

- Presentations for both the first and final rounds must be THREE MINUTES in length and no longer. 1 point deductions will begin every 10 seconds a presenter goes over the limit (e.g. 3:10 minute presentation = 1 point deducted from final score). 1 point deductions will also be given for presentations under 2:30 minutes. We will have a person keeping track of time in the first row to indicate when the presenter has reached 3 minutes.
- Students must use Microsoft PowerPoint for presentations and will be required to submit their slides prior to each event so they can be compiled and loaded onto the computer being used.
- Slides must be in Widescreen format (16:9 ratio; Microsoft PowerPoint's default).
- No more than 3 slides are allowed (1 title slide, prepared for you by the contest organizers, is not included in this total). Embedding of audio and/or video clips is allowed.

Slide animations are allowed only if they are used to build or reveal items on one slide, but not to (remove and) introduce full-size items that mimic an additional slide. Please contact us with any questions regarding the slides, and be sure to attend one of the Slam Workshops.

- Props are allowed, but must be approved by the Undergraduate Programs Coordinator one week in advance.

Judging Criteria

Presentations will be judged based on:

- Presence and delivery
- Effective use of visuals
- Timing (3 minutes and no longer)
- Significance of research or creative activity
- Appropriateness for a non-specialist audience
- Clarity and organization
- Engagement

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