2020 Grad Slam Application

Application Deadline: Thursday, March 12, 2020

Instructions:
To apply, complete this form and submit it to your faculty advisor for approval. For event information, formats, and criteria, visit tinyurl.com/sjsugradslam. Please contact Angela Iraheta (angela.iraheta@sjsu.edu) with any questions.

What is Grad Slam?
Grad Slam is a campus-wide competition for the best short style research presentation aimed at a non-specialist audience. During the competition, graduate students will be judged based on their ability to engage their audience while communicating key concepts about their research. The judges of the competition will be composed of members of San José State University, including staff, faculty, alumni and students. The competition will take place on Friday May 1, 2020, in the SJSU Diaz Compean Student Union Ballroom from 5pm-8pm.

Competition Format
Graduate students can apply as an individual presenter. Presentations must be 3 minutes or less

Speech Structure:
• Presentations are to be spoken word. Poems, raps, and songs in place of spoken word are allowed if directly related to the project. There must be a short introduction that explains the work in the beginning of the presentation, which is included in the time allotted.
• Students will have the option to provide one static slide to display throughout their talk. No slide transitions or animations are allowed. Presentations cannot use any supporting materials unless they have pre-approval from the Grad Slam Committee. Any use of props will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
• Speakers will receive 3 time markers during their presentations signaling students are halfway through the time allotted, during the last 30 seconds of the time allotted, and at the end of the time allotted.
• Each presentation will be judged using the rubric provided on the website (tinyurl.com/sjsugradslam).

Participant Information

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Are you interested in attending a workshop series focused on developing your speaking skills? (Note: encouraged but not mandatory)

- No ○  Yes ○

Are disability accommodations or services needed? If yes, we will contact you for further arrangements.

- No ○  Yes ○

Does your research involve human or animal subjects? (If yes, attach any approvals or permits)

- No ○  Yes ○

Are you an employee of SJSU? (student assistant, TA, etc.)

- No ○  Yes ○
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Presentation Overview

Category of competition:  

Choose One

Title of Presentation (20 words or fewer):

Abstract of Presentation (300 words or fewer):

What will you be presenting? What was the research and/or project about? How do you intend to make your presentation accessible to a non-technical audience? How are you contributing to your field of research?

All participants are expected to present using only one static slide. The Grad Slam Committee will allow the use of one prop item (i.e. a painting or a model of molecules) on a case by case basis if absolutely critical for the audience’s understanding. Do you expect your presentation will need one?

No  Yes

Permission to Publish/Permission to Photograph

To Student Participants:

By submitting this form, you are certifying that you are aware your research and presentation will be available to the general public, including but not limited to the SJSU campus and greater San José community.

As a participant in the SJSU Grad Slam event, we would like to obtain your permission to photograph and record you and your research for public display if you are selected to participate. The media and results will be published by the College of Graduate Studies and Associated Students, SJSU.

Acknowledgments and Signatures

By signing this application, you are certifying the above information is correct and you agree to the terms listed above.

Student Signature:  
Date:  

As the faculty advisor, you are acknowledging that your advisee has your approval and support to participate in Grad Slam.

Faculty Advisor Signature:  
Date:  

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