

Invitation to Compete!

# 2021 ECON GRAD SLAM!!!

*One topic, three minutes, 3 slides...  
Victory!*

## Prizes

- 1st Place: \$ 200.00 Amazon Gift Card
- 2nd Place: \$ 100.00 Amazon Gift Card
- 3rd Place: \$ 50.00 Amazon Gift Card

**WHO:** Open to all Economics PhD Students!

**WHEN:** Friday, April 2<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00pm

**WHERE:** Online Via Zoom

**SIGN UP WITH:** Mark Patterson ([mark.patterson@ucsb.edu](mailto:mark.patterson@ucsb.edu))

## INFORMATION FOR ECON GRAD SLAM PRESENTERS

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### **The Event**

The Economics **Grad Slam** is a **departmental competition** for **the best three-minute talk by a graduate student**. Students present the central points of their project in a clear, direct, and interesting manner for an audience comprised of students and faculty.

Participants are judged on the basis of having a clear and effective presentation that is geared for a general university audience and has demonstrable intellectual significance.

### **Venue**

Grad Slam will take online Via Zoom

### **Day-of the completion**

Please be online at least 15 minutes before the event begins to allow for check-in and other preparation.

The order or presentation will be randomized

### **Slides**

You must send your PowerPoint or pdf slides to: Mark Patterson ([mark.patterson@ucsb.edu](mailto:mark.patterson@ucsb.edu)) at least 2 days prior to your scheduled presentation date. See “Rules and Judging” below, for more stipulations on slide design. I will have the slides, but you will have access to “share your screen”.

The title of the presentation must also be sent to Mark two days in advance.

## **RULES AND JUDGING**

All currently enrolled Economics PHD graduate students are eligible to compete. We strongly suggest those going on the job market in Fall 2021 sign up for this competition.

### **Visuals**

- PowerPoint or pdf slides are allowed but optional; no Prezi or other presentation formats.
- **Maximum of 3 slides**, no more! Plus title slide (Title slide cannot be used for a presentation slide)
- All work on the slides must be original to the student and cannot be generated by a professional
- Embedding of audio and/or video clips is allowed, but no other animations or transitions
- Props are allowed, but need to be cleared by the program coordinators, require minimal set-up, and not produce a mess.

### **Timing**

You only have 3 minutes to speak. Timing will commence from the moment the student starts talking; points will be deducted from the final score as follows:

- 3:01-3:02 ..... 1 point
- 3:03-3:04 ..... 2 point
- 3:05-3:06 ..... 3 points
- 3:07-3:08 ..... 4 points
- 3:09-3:10 ..... 5 points
- 3:11-3:12 ..... 6 points
- 3:13-3:14 ..... 7 points
- 3:15-3:16 ..... 8 points
- 3:17-3:18 ..... 9 points
- 3:19-3:20 ..... 10 points
- 3:21-3:22 ..... 11 points
- 3:23-3:24 ..... 12 points
- 3:25-3:26 ..... 13 points
- 3:27-3:28 ..... 14 points
- 3:29-3:30 ..... 15 point deduction (**CUT-OFF TIME**)

**Speakers will be cut off at 3 minutes and 30 seconds  
(total 15 point deduction)**

### **Judges**

A panel of judges will score each presentation. Do not assume the judges are familiar with your area of work. In fact, note that one of the grading elements is “Was the topic and its significance communicated in language appropriate to an intelligent, but non-specialist audience?”

### **Winners and Prizes**

There will be 3 winners for this competition. Prizes are:

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Scorecard: To download a PDF of the scorecard that judges will use, [please click here](#).

### **Need Inspiration?**

- Resources from Jeffrey Hanson (UCSB Writing Program) workshop, "[Captivating an Audience with Your Research Story](#)"
- Resources from Madeleine's Sorapure (UCSB Writing Program) workshop, "[Fundamentals of Slide Design](#)"
- [TED Talks](#): Approximately 3-minute talks on "ideas worth spreading"
- [PhD Comics Two-Minute Thesis](#): PhD Comics challenged graduate students to explain their work in two minutes – the best have been turned into videos!
- [3 Minute Thesis Competition Winners](#): Winning presentations from a multi-university thesis competition in Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, and the South Pacific