



**GRAD**

**SLAM**

## WHAT IS GRAD SLAM?

Grad Slam is an annual contest in which master's and Ph.D. students across UC campuses – in disciplines ranging from hard sciences to humanities – compete to sum up their research for a general audience.

RESEARCH  
MADE  
SIMPLE

# THE BASICS

## GRAD SLAM 101

### **HISTORY OF GRAD SLAM**

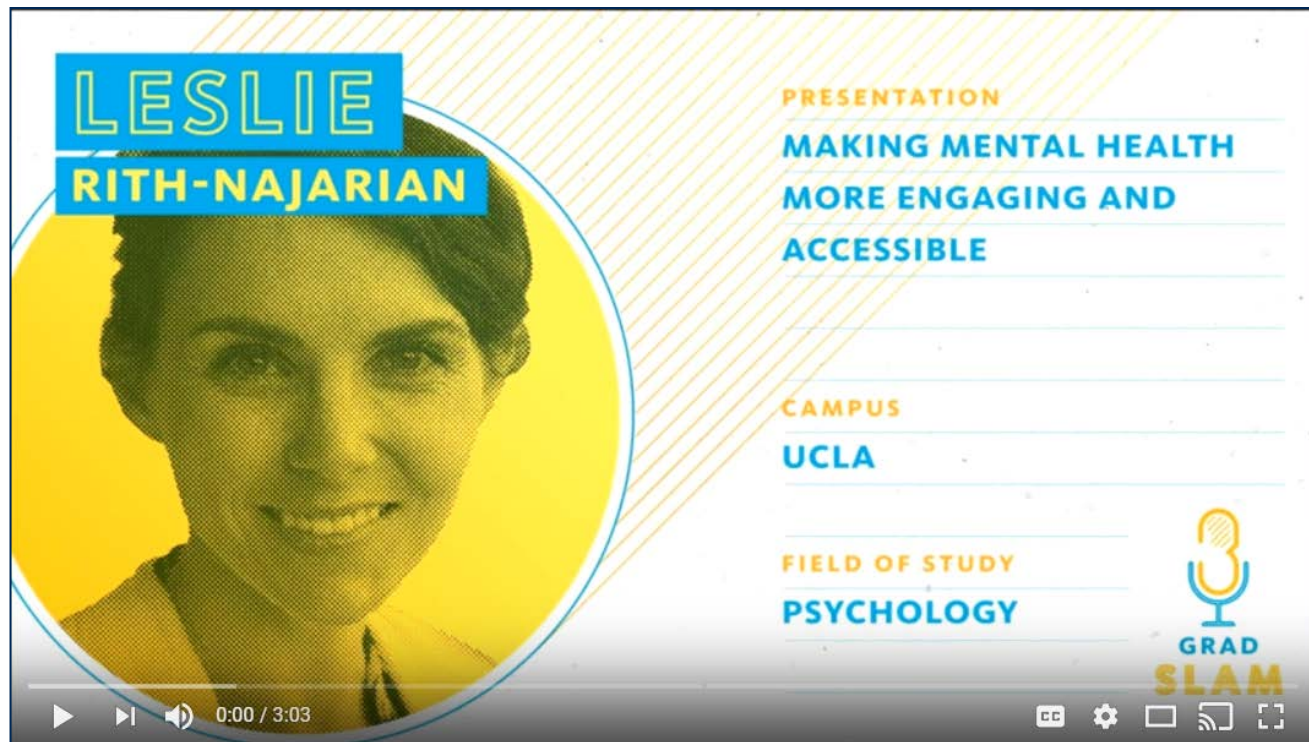
Now in its fourth year, UC Grad Slam was originally based on the “Three Minute Thesis”- 3MT® - competition started by the University of Queensland, Australia in 2008

### **GRAD SLAM AT UC DAVIS**

Last year, over 75 UC Davis master’s and doctorate students from the sciences, social sciences, arts and humanities apply to participate in the Qualifying Round. This year’s tournament will likely be even bigger and better.

# EXAMPLE PRESENTATION

UC GRAD SLAM 2017 WINNER



The video player displays a presentation slide for Leslie Rith-Najarian. The slide features a circular portrait of her on the left and text on the right. The text includes her name, presentation title, campus, and field of study. A microphone icon and the 'GRAD SLAM' logo are in the bottom right corner. The video player controls at the bottom show a play button, a progress bar at 0:00 / 3:03, and icons for closed captions, settings, and full screen.

**LESLIE**  
**RITH-NAJARIAN**

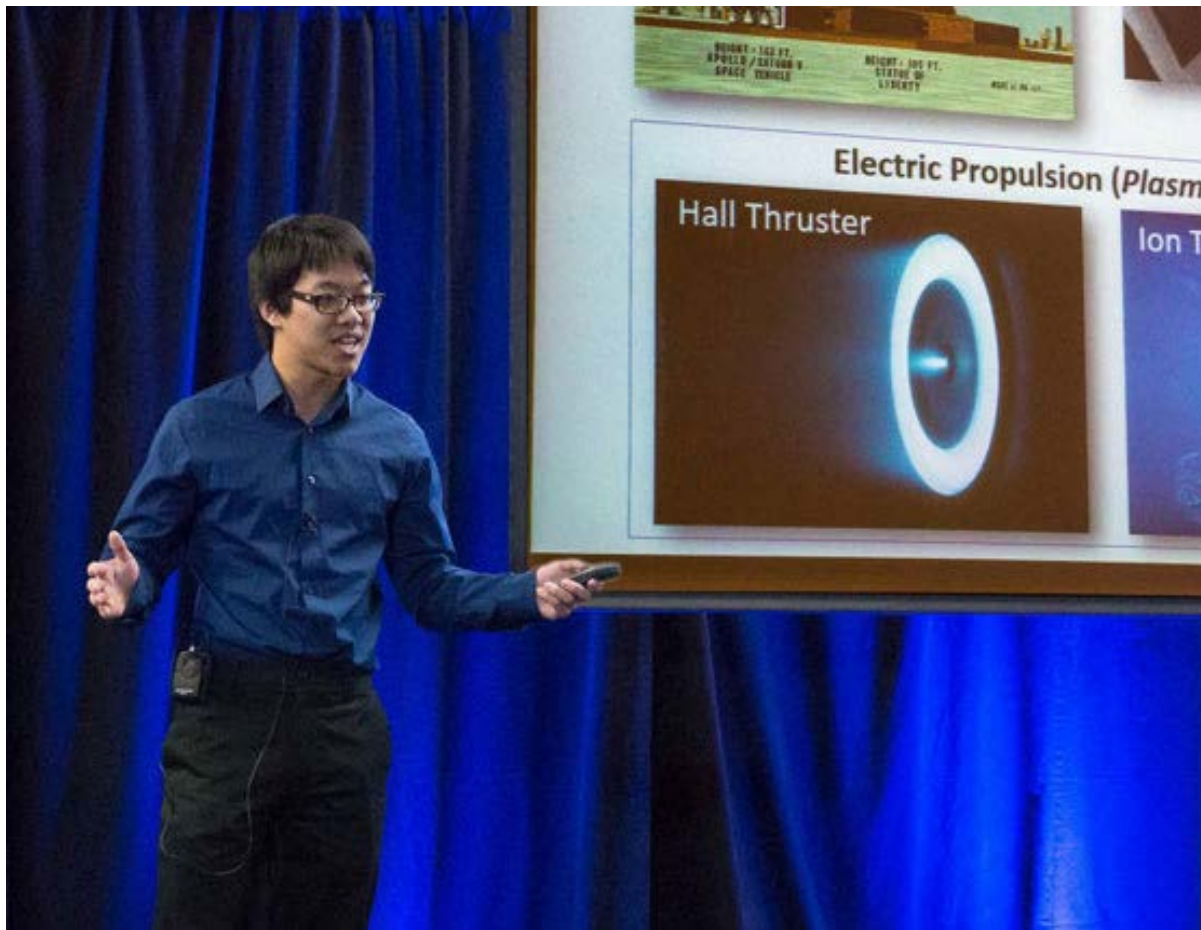
**PRESENTATION**  
**MAKING MENTAL HEALTH  
MORE ENGAGING AND  
ACCESSIBLE**

**CAMPUS**  
**UCLA**

**FIELD OF STUDY**  
**PSYCHOLOGY**

**GRAD  
SLAM**

0:00 / 3:03



## WHY PARTICIPATE?

Now more than ever, it's important to be able to communicate your research to a broad audience.

Regardless of your professional goals, this skill set is critical to your success.

# NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

Grad Slam participants have the priceless opportunity to showcase to and discuss their research with an audience of campus leaders and regional employers.



# THE PRIZES

SHOW ME THE MONEY

1st

**\$1,000**

plus the all-expense paid trip to compete at the UC Grad Slam Championship

2nd

**\$500**

plus the opportunity to attend and network with employers at the UC Grad Slam Championship

3rd

**\$250**

plus the opportunity to attend and network with employers at the UC Grad Slam Championship





**PLUS THE UC GRAND PRIZE....**

\$ 6,000.00



# PARTICIPANT TIMELINE

GETTING READY FOR  
GRAD SLAM 2018

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## PREPARE

**NOVEMBER + DECEMBER 2017**

Attend workshops, watch videos, and start to prepare your presentation

## REGISTER

**JANUARY 2018**

Register for the qualifying round by visiting [grad.ucdavis.edu/gradslam](http://grad.ucdavis.edu/gradslam)

## COMPETE

Qualifying Round: Feb. 8

Final Round: Apr. 5

UC Championship: May 3

STEP ONE

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**PREPARE**

# ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Graduate students currently enrolled in UC master's or doctoral graduate programs (including professional programs) are eligible to compete in Grad Slam.



# ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

CONTINUED

## **I'VE DONE IT BEFORE. CAN I ENTER AGAIN?**

Students who entered the contest or who were finalists in previous years are eligible to enter again; however, the winner is not eligible to enter again.

## **WHOSE RESEARCH IS IT, ANYWAY?**

The research being presented must be related to your own graduate research at UC Davis. In cases of collaborative research, the presenter's contribution to the project must be salient and clearly specified.

# WORKSHOPS

COURTESY OF GRADPATHWAYS

TOPIC	DATE & TIME	LOCATION
Made to Stick: Keys to Giving Effective Presentations	Nov. 17   11:30 am - 1:00 pm	SCC- Room D & <a href="#">Podcast</a>
Rock the Talk! Part I: Overcoming Public Anxiety and Creating Your Elevator Talk	Nov. 30   6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	ARC - Meeting Room 1
Rock the Talk! Part II: Creating and Effective and Memorable Presentation	Jan. 17   5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	SCC - Room D
Winning the Grad Slam	<a href="https://grad.ucdavis.edu/node/35487">https://grad.ucdavis.edu/node/35487</a>	<a href="#">Podcast</a>

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# OTHER RESOURCES

VIDEOS, PODCASTS & MORE

## **VIDEOS**

Captures of past competitions, both at the campus and the University of California level.

## **PAST WORKSHOPS AND PODCASTS**

Can't make the workshops? We have the audio recordings, presentations and agendas from past preparatory workshops.

EXPLORE THE RESOURCES AT  
[GRAD.UCDAVIS.EDU/GRADSLAM/PREPARE](https://grad.ucdavis.edu/gradslam/prepare)

STEP TWO

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**REGISTER**



# REGISTER FOR GRAD SLAM

IT'S EASY. NO, SERIOUSLY.

The application opens January 8. You do not need to submit your presentation when you register. All we ask for is the following:

- Name
- Email
- Student ID
- Graduate Program
- Presentation Title (Research Topic)

APPLY AT  
[GRAD.UCDAVIS.EDU/GRADSLAM/APPLY](http://GRAD.UCDAVIS.EDU/GRADSLAM/APPLY)



## THE GRAD SLAM CHALLENGE

This year, we'd like to see all 99 graduate programs represented at the Qualifying Round.

Once you've applied, challenge your friends in other programs to do the same.

STEP THREE

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**COMPETE**

# RULES & REGULATIONS

## PRESENTATIONS AND VISUALS

- PowerPoint slides are allowed but optional; no Prezi or other presentation formats
- Maximum of 3 slides, exclusive of title slide to be generated by Graduate Studies
- Embedding of audio and/or video clips is allowed, but no other animations
- Props are allowed, but need to be cleared by the program coordinators, require minimal set-up, and not produce a mess

# RULES & REGULATIONS

## TIMING

Timing will commence from the moment the student starts talking; points will be deducted from the final score as follows:

- 3:03-3:04 1 point
- 3:05-3:06 2 points
- 3:07-3:08 3 points
- 3:09-3:10 4 points
- 3:11-3:12 5 points

Speakers will be cut off at 3:30 (total 15 point deduction).

# RULES & REGULATIONS

## JUDGES



During the Qualifying Round, a panel of two faculty members and one staff member will judge each preliminary round. The judges will be selected to ensure disciplinary diversity and every effort will be made to minimize conflicts of interest (e.g., a faculty advisor will not judge a preliminary round involving his or her advisee).

# WHAT TO EXPECT

## QUALIFYING ROUND

### **BEFORE THE COMPETITION**

- Slides should be set to 4:3 aspect ratio in order to ensure proper display during your talk.
- Send your slides to [knraley@ucdavis.edu](mailto:knraley@ucdavis.edu) by February 1. They will be pre-loaded onto a laptop.
- Please arrive at the venue at least 15 minutes before your scheduled presentation time to allow for check-in and other prep.

### **EQUIPMENT**

All rooms will be equipped with a laptop, projector, slide advancer remote, laser pointer, and microphone



# TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE

WHO COMPETES AND WHEN

## UC DAVIS FINALIST

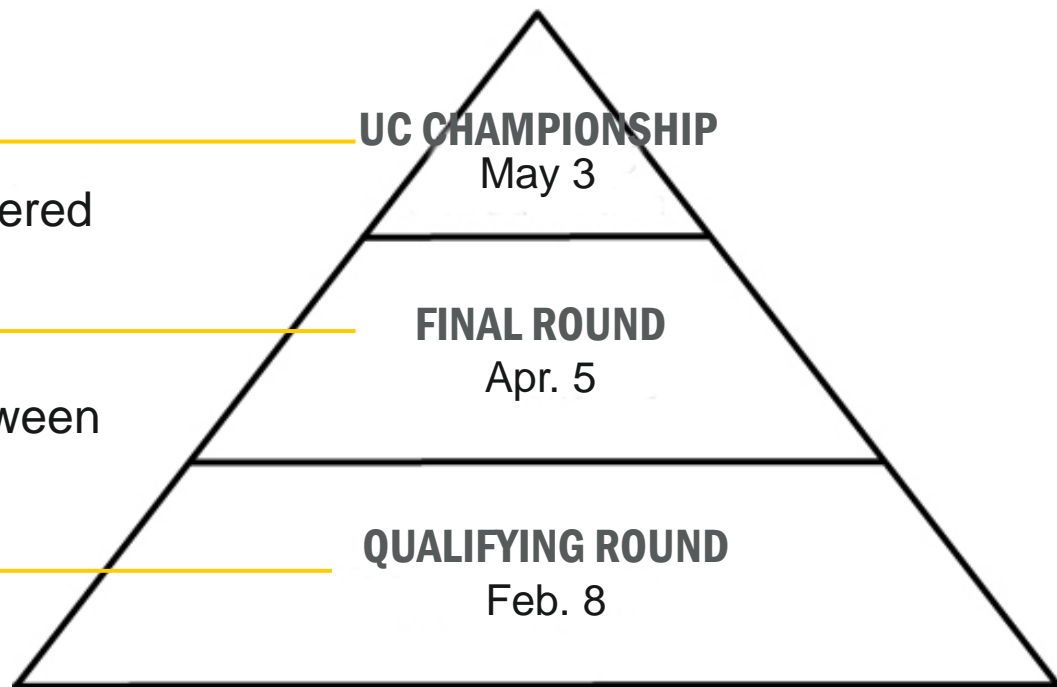
Additional training/critiques offered prior to UC Championship.

## UC DAVIS TOP TEN

Additional training offered between Qualifying and Final Rounds.

## ALL APPLICANTS

Time slots will be assigned the week prior. Slides due Feb. 1.



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