



2026 Virtual Grad Slam Competition Application California State University, Bakersfield

Application Deadline: Friday, April 10, 2026, by 11:59PM

The CSUB Grad Slam is a campus-wide competition for the best 3-minute research presentation aimed at a non-specialist audience that showcases graduate student research. Competitors will be judged based on their ability to communicate key concepts from their research and engage their audience. The competition will be held on Friday, April 17, 2026, from 3-5pm via Zoom.

PowerPoint/Presentation Requirements:

Area 1: Comprehension & Content

- Effectively communicate the background and significance of the research.
- Effectively communicate the research strategy/design and the results/findings of the research.
- Provide a presentation that follows a clear and logical sequence.
- Effectively communicate the conclusions, outcomes, and impact of the research.

Area 2: Engagement & Communication

- Deliver the presentation clearly, and use language appropriate for a non-specialist audience.
- Provide a well-defined slide that enhances the presentation.
- Convey enthusiasm and capture and maintain the audience's attention.

Prizes:

1st place: \$400 & opportunity to present at the CSU-Wide Grad Slam.
2nd place: \$200 & opportunity to present at the CSU-Wide Grad Slam.

For further information, contact: Graduate Student Center at gsc@csub.edu

Instructions: To apply, please submit this form to your faculty advisor for approval. Once you have received a signature, please submit the application to the Graduate Student Center to gsc@csub.edu by 04/10/26 by 11:59 PM. **Research involving Human or Animal Subjects requires prior IACUC/IRB approval.**

Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Graduate Program: _____

Graduate Program Advisor: _____

Presentation Title (20 words or less): _____

Attach your slide (in color) and script (350-400 words).

Graduate Program Advisor Signature: _____

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