



## Core Center for Musculoskeletal Biology and Medicine 2020 Young Investigator Slam Competition

### What is it?

This Core Center for Musculoskeletal Biology and Medicine (CCMBM) Young Investigator Slam competition at UCSF challenges trainees to present a compelling presentation of their dissertation research in three minutes or less, using language that not only their peers but also non-specialists will understand. The purpose of this Slam is not to simplify or trivialize research; rather, it is meant to incentivize trainees to clarify their ideas and to help others understand and appreciate the significance of their work.

### Live Event

This Slam contest will culminate in an exciting live event, which will take place on Tuesday, March 10th, 2020, 7PM, at the Genentech Auditorium (Mission Bay Campus). This event is a celebration not only of the finalists and contest winner, but also of trainees at UCSF and of scientific enquiry.

### Prizes

The first prize for the 2020 UCSF CCMBM Young Investigator Slam Competition is \$150.

### Judges

A panel of screening judges will review the initial entries, which will be submitted on video. The judges will choose the finalists to compete in the live event. An additional panel of judges will choose the first prize winner at the live event.

### Who can Enter?

As of March 10, 2020, you must be a current graduate student in a PhD program or a Postdoctoral scholar/fellow at UCSF. UCSF alumni are *not* eligible. Your presentation must be based on your own, original research. Trainees who entered the contest or who were finalists in previous years ARE eligible to enter again; however, the winner and runner-up of previous contests are not eligible to enter again.

### How to Enter?

Step 1: Review the contest rules, guidelines, judging criteria, eligibility, and other information. Check out [some resources](#) to help you craft an accessible 3-minute talk. Also, watch some of the past [winning talks from live competitions](#).

Step 2: Sign up here: <http://bit.ly/2TOTJut>. You will then be invited to upload a video of your 3- minute talk.

Step 3: Submit a video of your 3-minute talk by **February 14th, 2020**.

### When will I know if I'm chosen as a finalist?

The 3 finalists will be announced on **February 28th**.



## CCMBM 2020 Young Investigator Slam Competition (Basic Criteria and Guidelines)

### Basic Judging Criteria for Video Submissions

- Does the presentation help the audience understand the research?
- Was the topic and its significance communicated in language appropriate to an educated, but *non-specialist*, audience?
- Will the presentation make the audience want to know or learn more about the research?

### Judges may also consider the following:

#### *Content and Comprehension*

- Did the presentation provide an understanding of the background to the research question being addressed and its significance?
- Did the presentation clearly describe any key results of the research including conclusions and outcomes?
- Did the presentation follow a clear and logical sequence?
- Did the speaker avoid scientific jargon and explain terminology when conveying information to illustrate points?
- Was the presentation well-paced? Did the presenter spend adequate time on each element of their presentation, or did they rush through some content?

#### *Communication and Engagement*

- Did the presenter convey enthusiasm for their research?
- Did the presenter capture and maintain their audience's attention?
- If a slide was submitted, did it enhance the presentation?
- Was the presenter careful not to over-generalize their research?

### Other Key Guidelines

Format: 1 single slide

- No props may be used
- Presentations are to be spoken word (i.e. not sung or otherwise performed)
- Presentation should be ONE single static slide (no animations or video elements)
- The body of your talk should be 3 minutes. Your self-introduction at the beginning of your video *does not* count towards the 3 minutes
- Focus on your talk, not on video production values. Just make sure the audio is clear.

### Key Dates

*Video submission deadline: February 14, 2020 (5 PM Pacific Time)*

*Notification: On February 28, 2020*

*Slam Live Event: March 10, 2020, 7 PM (3 finalists will present their talks)*

Non-finalists may present a poster on March 10, 2020 6:00-8:00 PM and March 11, 2020, 11:30AM-1:30 PM. Sign up here: [bit.ly/2TOTJut](https://bit.ly/2TOTJut)