

FINALS

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA,
RIVERSIDE



THURSDAY • MARCH 9 • 3:00 PM
UCR ALUMNI CENTER

ABOUT

GRAD SLAM COMPETITION

Ten Grad Slam Finalists are challenged with presenting their research or creative project in under three minutes to a non-specialist audience and a panel of judges.

Up for grabs: a \$5,000 grand prize!

AUDIENCE CHOICE

CAST YOUR VOTE

We invite you to vote for your favorite presentation via the QR code provided. Both in-person and online attendees are able to vote one time for a single candidate. The Audience Choice Winner will receive a \$1000 prize!



SCHEDULE

OF EVENTS

3:00	Welcome Remarks
3:10	Presentation of the Judges
3:15	Competitors 1-5
3:45	5 Minute Break
3:50	Competitors 6-10
4:20	Intermission
4:45	Presentation of Awards
5:00	Closing Remarks

FOR INQUIRIES:

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COMPETITORS

THE FINALISTS

**UTITOFO
N INYANG**

*Comparative
Literature*

African Literature: More than
Yelp Reviews

**AYA
SHHUB**

*Special
Education*

The Forgotten Key to
Becoming a Great Reader!

**ZARIAH
TOLMAN**

*Developmental
Psychology*

Positivity Outward: An App-
Based Mentorship Program
for Hard-To-Reach Youth

**ELISSA
MONTEIRO**

*School
Psychology*

"School really isn't built for
some kids": Piloting an
Executive Function Screening
System

**SAMANTHA
ROBINSON**

Bioengineering

Automating Drug Discovery:
The Fight Against Antibiotic
Resistance

**SHANNON
BRADY**

Psychology

There's No One Way to Do
Emotions!

**MARINA
DUNN**

*MSOL
Engineering:
Data Science*

A Long Time Ago In a Galaxy
Far, Far Away: Using Machine
Learning to Classify Galaxies

**SANIKA
NISHANDAR**

*Mechanical
Engineering*

Systematic Exploration of
Wildfire Ignition

J KEMNER

*Environmental
Science*

Fire- Not Always
Environmental "Treason"

**SAMIKSHA
SINGH**

*Environmental
Science*

Are We Drinking
Microplastics?

JUDGES

FINAL ROUND

JEFF HORSEMAN

Reporter, the Press-Enterprise

MARYANA CARREON

Program Associate, The Cheech Marin Center

RONALDO FIERRO

Riverside City Councilmember, Ward 3

EDWARD CORONADO

Policy & Advocacy Advisor to Mayor Lock Dawson

DR. RUTH PEREZ

Deputy Superintendent, Riverside County Office of Education

NICHOLAS ADCOCK

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