



Terms and Conditions | EURAXESS Science Slam India 2020

1. Who is eligible to participate?

- ✓ The competition is open to participants from **all nationalities** and **all research fields** (including Social Sciences and Humanities, Life Sciences and Physical Sciences and Engineering) based in **India**.
- ✓ When submitting their contribution to the Science Slam, eligible participants should be:
 - (i) **18 years** old or older **AND**
 - (ii) be a **MA/M.Sc. candidate** or **PhD candidate** or **PhD holder** working in either universities, research institutes or private sector or working in related careers in India.
- ✓ Only **one entry** per person is permitted.
- ✓ To enter the competition participants must be **willing and able to participate in the Live Finals** of the EURAXESS Science Slam India that will be held virtually at the end of year (the **date to be decided**).

2. How to participate?

The EURAXESS Science Slam competition consists of **two stages**: Winners of the **'Virtual' Pre-selection** will qualify for the **Online Live Finals**.

2.1 The 'Virtual' Pre-selection

- To enter the competition participants are invited to **produce a video** introducing their research in an original and entertaining way. The video must **not exceed 5 minutes** in length. Participants are free to choose **presentation styles** (dance, acting, poetry, singing, live experiment, other) and equipment as they see fit.
- Submissions must clearly **show the participant** presenting his or her research in a manner chosen by her or him. Animation only is **not permitted**.
- To enter the competition participants are invited to **upload their pre-selection video** via Dropbox or Vimeo and share the link to the video with euraxessindiaslam@gmail.com or send the video directly to euraxessindiaslam@gmail.com, indicating in either case in the subject of the message: "EURAXESS Science Slam submission" and their full name. The accompanying email must contain the following information: (i) *Applicant first name*; (ii) *Applicant last name*; (iii) *Applicant title*; (iv) *Gender*; (v) *Career level*; (vi)

Institute/University/Company; (vii) Presentation full title; (viii) Research field; (ix) Maximum five keywords related to the research project/work; (x) Nationality; (xi) Source of information for the EURAXESS Science Slam.

A notification email acknowledging reception of the video will be sent within **5 working days**.

- Submissions are possible only **from August 14 to October 4 2020**. Participants are encouraged not to wait until the last moment.

EURAXESS India accepts no responsibility for entries that are defective, lost or delayed, or which are not received for any reason.

The **video entry** should:

1. Not exceed **300 seconds** (maximum file size 20 MB).
2. Be done in **English**.
3. Feature **only the person** who is to present on the day of the finals of the EURAXESS Science Slam India 2020.
4. Start with the **statement** of the author's name, research position and home/host institution if there is one.
5. Be a shorter/synthetic version or a **'teaser'** of the actual presentation (performance) to be made during the **Live Final Slam Event**.

The **review panel** for the online competition (i.e. pre-selection panel for the live finals) will be comprised of a team of science communication experts and the EURAXESS India Country Representative.

The review panel will select up to **5 finalists** from all submissions received by the end of the submission deadline. Submitted videos will be assessed based on the following criteria, all of equal importance:

- **Accessibility** for non-experts (could a non-expert understand it?)
- **Conceptualisation** of slam (how structured is it?)
- **Presentation** style (how entertaining is it?)
- **Originality** (how creative is it?)

The **production quality** (image quality, quality of the support material or equipment etc.) **will not be selection criteria**, as long as the resolution, light and sound quality allow the review panel to see and hear the performance clearly. Videos shot with smartphones, webcams and any video recording devices will all be accepted.

Finalists will be **notified by email** within two weeks after the submission deadline. The pre-selection will also be **announced** on the EURAXESS India website and other online channels used by EURAXESS India. The decision of the review panel will be final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

2.3 The Live Finals

The 5 finalists will compete at the **Live Finals** of the EURAXESS Science Slam India (date to be decided).

The 5 finalists will **present live** in front of a **non-expert audience** composed of members of the research community and of the wider public:

1. The presentations will be done by **one person** only.
2. Every presentation will be done **in English**.

3. The **1st prize** will be awarded to the best performer as decided by the audience and the jury panel. The **runners up** will also receive exciting prizes.
4. Each presentation shall not exceed **10 minutes**.
5. Presentations can be supported by **video and audio material**, ppt. slides and any other kind of media available, as well as by scientific equipment, in accordance with the venue's capacity and security measures.
6. After each presentation there could be **questions** by the review panel and the audience.

The presentations/performances of the 5 finalists will be assessed based on the following criteria, all of equal importance:

- **Accessibility** for non-experts (could a non-expert understand it?)
- **Conceptualisation** of slam (how structured is it?)
- **Presentation style** (how entertaining is it?)
- **Originality** (how creative is it?)

By entering the competition, the winner agrees to support EURAXESS India with the production of further promotional material (which may include photography, filming or interviews) in the context of the Science Slam competitions as the organiser (EURAXESS Worldwide) **may reasonably require**.

The **jury panel** for the live competition will be comprised of a team of science communication experts and the EURAXESS India Country Representative.

3. The first prize

The winner of the LIVE finals will be awarded the first prize. The first prize consists of the following components:

- ✓ A **free round-trip to Europe** in 2021¹.
- ✓ During the stay in Europe, a **visit to a research institute of the winner's choice** within the European Union.

EURAXESS will only cover the following expenses:

- ✓ The **economy round-trip flight** to Europe. The flight will be arranged from the Indian city the winner is based in at the time in question.
- ✓ The winner will receive the **lump sum of 1000 EUR** to cover the costs for the required visa(s), accommodation and food as well as Inner-European travels during the stay in Europe and the respective city where the meeting with a research organisation of the winner's choice within the European Union takes place.

The prize will **not be transferable** to another person.

4. Intellectual property rights and disqualification

By participation in this competition all participants **declare that they hold the intellectual property rights** to the research presented, or are explicitly allowed to present such research.

Participants are responsible for ensuring their submissions **do not infringe copyrights**.

By participation in this competition **all participants allow the organisers** to publish the videos they have submitted as well as the recording of the live performance at the finals.

Abusive and derogatory entries will be disqualified.

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ⁱ **Note:** Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the impact on international travelling from India to Europe in 2021, the organisers of the EURAXESS India Science Slam reserve the right to offer an alternative prize to the winner, in lieu of a roundtrip ticket to Europe.