



2023 Humboldt Grad Slam Judging Rubric¹

Criterion	5 Outstanding	4 Very good	3 Good	2 Adequate	1 Minor Flaws
Clarity	The speaker provides robust background knowledge to make the project and its importance clear and compelling	The speaker provides very good background knowledge to make the project and its importance clear and convincing	The speaker provides good background knowledge to make the project and its importance clear and understandable	The speaker provides adequate background knowledge to make the project and its importance generally understandable	The speaker provides limited background knowledge to make the project and its importance plausible
Organization	Organizational pattern is exceptionally skillful , content of the presentation remarkably clear, logical, consistent, and cohesive	Organizational pattern is very skillful , content of the presentation very clear, logical, consistent, and cohesive	Organizational pattern is skillful , content of the presentation clear, logical, and consistent	Organizational pattern is generally clear and logical	Organizational pattern contains some gaps in clarity, logic, or consistency
Language Matches Audience	Language choices are imaginative and enriches the effectiveness of the presentation, terminology is clearly and fully explained for non-specialist audience	Language choices are creative and enhance the effectiveness of the presentation, terminology is satisfactorily explained for non specialist audience	Language choices thoughtful and contribute toward the effectiveness of the presentation, terminology is explained for non specialist audience	Language choices are generally support the effectiveness of the presentation, terminology is to some extent explained for non specialist audience	Language choices partially support the effectiveness of the presentation, terminology is inconsistently explained

Significance	Presenter persuasively explains why the project matters, clearly addressing the key results, impact, and outcomes of the project	Presenter credibly explains why the project matters, addressing the major results, impact, and outcomes of the project	Presenter explains why the project matters, addressing most results, impact, and outcomes of the project	Presenter explains why the project matters, addressing some of the results, impact, or outcomes of the project	Presenter explains the key results, impact, or outcomes of the project in a superficial or rushed manner
Delivery	Posture, gesture, eye contact, and vocal expression make the presentation captivating , and delivery is highly polished	Posture, gesture, eye contact, and vocal expression make the presentation noteworthy , and delivery is polished	Posture, gesture, eye contact, and vocal expression make the presentation interesting , and speaker appears comfortable	Posture, gesture, eye contact, and vocal expression make the presentation largely effective , and speaker appears generally comfortable	Posture, gesture, eye contact, and vocal expression make the presentation understandable , but appears to be reading or formally reciting presentation
Visual	The slide is well designed, engaging, and significantly enhances the primary points of the presentation	The slide is clear, concise, legible, and strengthens the primary points of the presentation	The slide is clear and legible, and references the primary points of the presentation	The slide is legible, and does not detract from the primary points of the presentation	The slide is unclear or confusing, only partly supporting the primary points of the presentation
Engagement	Presentation compellingly and memorably engages the audience's attention and impressively elicits intellectual wonder	Presentation memorably engages the audience's attention and generates intellectual curiosity	Presentation engages the audience's attention and produces some intellectual appeal	Presentation attracts the audience's attention and intellectual interest	Presentation intermittently engages the audience's attention

¹ This rubric was developed using the Past CSU Grad Slam Rubric which utilized the AAC&U Oral Communication VALUE Rubric as a reference.