



Terms and Conditions | EURAXESS Science Slam India 2017

I. Who is eligible to participate?

1. 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).
2. 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 (research based or mixed) or PhD candidate or PhD holder working in either universities, research institutes or private sector or working in related careers **in India**.
3. To enter the competition participants must be **willing and able to participate in the final** EURAXESS Science Slam India that will be held in Kolkata on **8 December 2017**. Economy return flights (1 ticket per person) and accommodation (2 nights) to the finals will be booked and paid for by EURAXESS India for the finalists based outside Kolkata. Only one entry per person.
4. Available to attend a 1-day **science communication training in Chennai on 11 November 2017** before the LIVE finals.

II. How to participate?

The EURAXESS Science Slam competition consists of **two stages**: Winners of the **'Virtual' Pre-selection** will qualify for the **Live Finals** to be held on 8 December 2017 in Kolkata.

II.a The 'Virtual' Pre-selection

1. To enter the competition participants are invited to **produce a video** introducing their research. The video must not exceed 5 minutes in length. Participants are free to choose presentation styles and equipment as they see fit.
2. Submissions must clearly **show the participant** presenting his or her research in a manner chosen by her or him. Animation only is not permitted.
3. To enter the competition participants are invited to **upload their pre-selection video** via Dropbox 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.

4. Submissions are possible from **10 August to 10 October 2017**. 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 2017.
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 real slam event on 8 December 2017.

The **review panel** for the online competition (i.e. pre-selection panel for the live finals) will be comprised of a team of research scientists and/or administrators from India 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 a 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**. The pre-selection will also be **announced on** the EURAXESS India website and other online channels used by EURAXESS India (these can include LinkedIn, Facebook or any other social media as well as publications such as the EURAXESS WorldwideNewsletters). The decision of the review panel will be final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

II.b The Live Finals

The 5 finalists will compete at the **live finals** of the EURAXESS Science Slam India 2017 to be held in **Kolkata on 8 December 2017**. A return economy flight and accommodation (2 nights) will be provided by EURAXESS India for the finalists based outside Kolkata.

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 review panel.
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 review panel for the live competition will be comprised of a team of research scientists and/or administrators from India and the EURAXESS India Country Representative.

III. The first prize

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

1. A free **round-trip to Europe** (Brussels, Belgium) in the **spring of 2018** (most likely in June) to visit EU institutions.
2. During the stay in Europe, a **trip to a research institute of the winner's choice** within the European Union.

EURAXESS will only cover the following expenses:

1. The economy **round-trip** flight to Brussels, Belgium. The flight will be arranged from the Indian city the winner is based in at the time in question.
2. 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 Brussels, Belgium 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.

IV. 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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