

The MedPhys Slam, a science communication competition similar to a "three-minute thesis", aims to highlight and improve emerging medical physicists' communication with non-specialists. The rules are simple but challenging. Contestants have three minutes to present their research using no more than three Power Point slides, and are evaluated on their ability to convey their research and its significance to a lay audience.

We encourage a 2.5 minute video abstract submission with an optional written 1 page abstract. Written abstracts should include a title, presenting author, contact email, and contributing authors. Abstracts should be no more than 300 words with one page of supporting figures/tables allowed, though optional. Presentations must be based on the student, junior, or resident member's own, original research. Please review the Rules of the AAPM MedPhys Slam Competition, provided below. *Trainees: please specify preference to participate in the General Trainee Session or Trainee MedPhys Slam when you submit your abstract.*

MedPhys Slam participants will receive discounted registration to the SEAAPM Annual Meeting, and any trainee accepted for an oral presentation will receive a free hotel stay (1 night) to the SEAAPM Annual Meeting. The winner of the MedPhys Slam preliminary competition will also receive a SEAAPM travel grant to participate in the final AAPM MedPhys Competition held during the 2026 AAPM Annual Meeting in Vancouver, BC.

Rules of the AAPM MedPhys Slam Competition

- Visuals
 - - PowerPoint slides allowed but optional; no Prezi or other presentation formats.
 - - Maximum of three (3) slides, exclusive of title slide.
 - - Slide material cannot be created by a professional.
 - - No embedding of audio and/or video clips is allowed.
 - - No GIFs, animations, or slide transitions allowed. Participants may be asked to provide their slides in PDF format.
 - - No additional props (e.g. notes, laser pointers, costumes, musical instruments, laboratory equipment) are permitted.

- Participants must present on their own, original research. If participants have competed in a previous AAPM MedPhys Slam competition, they must present on new, original research and meet eligibility requirements as a new participant.
- In cases of collaborative research, the presenter's contribution to the project must be salient and clearly specified.
- Presentations must be given in English. Spoken work presentations (e.g. poems, rap, or song) are not permitted.
- Presenters must remain on stage for the duration of their presentation.
- Timing will commence from the moment the presenter starts talking with 3 minutes permitted (-1 point if overtime, plus an additional 1 point penalty per 5 seconds thereafter).
- By entering the contest, you agree to allow the AAPM to use the resulting photographs and/or video, which may include your image or presentation, in publicity surrounding the contest and/or in other contexts, such as websites, promotional materials, etc.
- There may be additional rules if the chapter decides on a video format for the presentations