

Swiss Science Slam 2019 | Terms and Conditions

I. Who is eligible to participate?

1. The competition is open to participants of all nationalities and all research fields (including Social Sciences, Humanities, Life Sciences, Physical Sciences and Engineering) PAN India.
2. When submitting their contribution to the Swiss Science Slam, eligible participants should be:
 - (i) 18 years old and above **AND**
 - (ii) B.A/ B.Sc. / M.A. / M.Sc. / Ph.D. candidates in India
3. Only one entry per person will be permitted
4. To enter the competition participants must be willing to do a 180 seconds pitch presentation in Bangalore to the competition jury and swissnex audience, on July 29th July 2019. Further details will be shared with shortlisted candidates on 22nd July 2019.
5. Winners of the Science Slam Competition 2019 of Consulate General of Switzerland – Mumbai are not eligible to participate.

II. How to participate?

1. To enter the competition participants are invited to produce a video introducing their research or science project. The video must not exceed **3 minutes** (180 seconds) 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. Participant may work with other individuals as supporting cast.
3. To enter the competition participants are invited to **share a vimeo link of the video with the option to download the video** to academic@swissnexindia.org indicating in the subject of the message: "Swiss Science Slam 2019 submission" and their full name. Naming convention for vimeo title: 'Swiss Science Slam – (Title of Video) – (Full name of presenter)'.

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/ College/ University name
- (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 Swiss Science Slam

A notification email acknowledging receipt of the video will be sent within 3 working days.

4. Submissions are possible only from **June 6th to July 15th 2019**. Participants are encouraged not to wait until the last moment. Swissnex - Consulate General of Switzerland in Bangalore 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 180 seconds (maximum file size 20 MB).
2. Be done in English.
3. Start with the statement of the author's name, research position and name of college/ institution

Submitted videos and pitch presentations will be assessed based on the following criteria, all of equal importance:

- Accessibility for non-experts (could a non-expert understand it?)
- Conceptualization of slam (structure)
- Presentation style (entertainment)
- Originality and creativity

The review panel for the online competition will comprise a team of scientists and experts from India and the official Swiss diplomatic representations in India.

The review panel will select **3 applicants** from all submissions received by the end of the submission deadline. The three shortlisted candidates will be informed by email and will present their pitch in 180 seconds on July 29th 2019 in Bangalore. The pitches have to be as creative as possible and enable to communicate science in a simple manner to a board audience. The audience attending the Swiss National Day will elect the winner based on their creative presentation. The decision of the review panel as well as the audience will be final and will not be reconsidered.

Videos shot with smartphones, webcams and any video recording devices will all be accepted.

By entering the competition, the winner agrees to support the official Swiss diplomatic representations in India with the production of further promotional material (which may include photography, filming or interviews) in the context of the Swiss Science Slam competitions as the organizer may reasonably require.

III. Prizes

The winner of the Swiss Science Slam will be awarded a prize consisting of a return economy flight ticket for one person to Switzerland. First and second runners up will also win exciting prizes. The prizes will not be transferable to another person and only the main applicant is eligible to receive the award. Supporting cast is not eligible to receive any additional awards.

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 organizers 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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