



## EURAXESS Science Slam Brazil 2015

### Introduction

#### ***I. What is a science slam?***

A science slam is a scientific talk where scientists present their own scientific research work in a given time frame – usually 10 minutes or less - in front of a non-expert audience. The focus lies on teaching current science to a diverse audience in an entertaining way. The presentation is judged by the audience [and if applicable a jury]. A science slam is a form of science communication. (Source: Wikipedia)

#### ***II. What is EURAXESS Links?***

EURAXESS Links is a networking tool for European researchers working outside Europe and non-European ones wishing to collaborate and/or pursue a research career in Europe. It has thus far been launched in North America (Canada and the USA), Japan, China, India, the ASEAN hub (encompassing Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia and Vietnam), and Brazil. EURAXESS Links provides information about research in Europe, job vacancies, European research policy, as well as opportunities for research funding, international collaboration and trans-national mobility.

### Terms and Conditions

#### ***I. Who is eligible to participate?***

1. The competition is open to participants from **all nationalities** and **all scientific disciplines**.
2. When submitting their contribution to the Science Slam, eligible participants should be:
  - a) 18 years or older AND
  - b) enrolled in a Masters or PhD programme or working as a professor or researcher at a recognized university, research institute/centre or private research company in Brazil.

3. To enter the competition participants must be willing and able to participate in the final EURAXESS Science Slam Brazil that will be held in Rio de Janeiro any day during the National Science and Technology Week (SNCT, 19-25 October 2015). Economy return flights (1 ticket per person) and hotel accommodation (1 night) to the finals will be booked and paid for by EURAXESS Links Brazil for the finalists based outside Rio de Janeiro.
4. Candidates must show proficiency in English to be able to take part in the meeting with European Commission policy officers to be awarded to the winner.

Only one entry per person.

## ***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 any day between 19-25 October 2015 in Rio de Janeiro.

### *II.a The 'virtual' pre-selection*

1. To enter the competition participants are invited to showcase, in up to 3 minutes, the way they will present their research at the live finals. They can either:
  - a. send a video introducing or showcasing their performance. The video must not exceed 3 minutes in length.
  - b. introduce or showcase their performance in a 3-minute skype interview with EURAXESS LinksBrazil representatives.

Participants are free to choose presentation styles and equipment as they see fit.

2. Submissions must clearly show the participant presenting his research in a manner chosen by him or her. Animation only is not permitted.
3. To enter the competition each participant is invited to fill in the registration form available [here](#). A notification email confirming receipt will be send within 3 working days.
4. They have the choice to upload their video on the Drop-it-to-me platform at the following link: <http://www.dropitto.me/ScienceSlamBrazil>. The requested upload password is: "Science\_Slam\_2015", to send the link via email directly to [brazil@euraxess.net](mailto:brazil@euraxess.net) or to send a link to the video hosted on any other platform.
5. Submissions are possible from **27 May to 15 September 2015**. No videos will be accepted once the number of posted videos exceeds 60.

EURAXESS Links Brazil 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
2. be done in English or Portuguese

3. feature only the person who is to present on the day of the finals of the EURAXESS Science Slam Brazil 2015
4. start with the statement of the author's name, research position and home/host institution.
5. be a shorter/synthetic version or a 'teaser' of the actual performance to be given during the LIVE slam event on October 2015

The online competition will be evaluated by the two EURAXESS Links Brazil Representatives. They 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
- Conceptualisation of slam
- Presentation style
- Originality & Creativity

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 jury 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 selection will also be announced on the [EURAXESS Links Brazil website](#) and other online channels used by EURAXESS Links Brazil (these can include LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook or any other social media as well as publications such as the EURAXESS Links newsletters). The judges' decision 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 Brazil 2015 to be held in Rio de Janeiro during the National Science and Technology Week (SNCT, 19-25 October 2015). A return economy flight and hotel accommodation (1 night) will be provided by EURAXESS Links Brazil for the finalists based outside Rio de Janeiro.

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 or Portuguese.
3. A prize will be awarded to the best performer as decided by the audience (50%) and the jury (50%).
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.

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

- Accessibility for non-experts
- Conceptualisation of slam
- Presentation style
- Originality & Creativity

By entering the competition, the winner agrees to support EURAXESS Links Brazil 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 Links) may reasonably require.

The panel of judges for the live competition will be comprised of a team of science communicators, research scientists and/or administrators from Brazil and Europe and the two EURAXESS Links Brazil Representatives.

### ***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 european **spring of 2016**.
2. In Brussels, the winner will be invited to meet European Commission policy officers (DG RTD, ERC, MSCA, etc.).
3. During the stay in Europe, EURAXESS Links will assist in arranging a meeting at one research organisation/institution of the winner's choice within the European Research Area. In case of a successful meeting arrangement, EURAXESS Links will finance the trip to this institute. However, EURAXESS Links cannot guarantee any meetings with a particular organisation or individual. If no meeting can be arranged, EURAXESS Links will not be held responsible.

EURAXESS Links does NOT cover any travel or other costs unrelated to the actual prize. EURAXESS Links will only cover the following expenses:

1. The economy round-trip flight from the city the winner is based in during the time in question to Europe to attend the meeting with European Commission representatives arranged by EURAXESS Links.
2. The costs for accommodation and food during the stay in Brussels, Belgium.
3. The costs for the travels (bus, train or flight ticket) to the meeting with a research organisation of the winner's choice within the European Research Area (incl. accommodation for up to 2 nights in the respective city).

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.

Abusive and derogatory entries will be disqualified.