



## EURAXESS Science Slam Brazil 2017

### 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 6 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 Worldwide?***

EURAXESS Worldwide 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 Brazil also covers Latin American and Caribbean countries (CELAC). EURAXESS Worldwide 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 on 25 October 2017, during

the National Science and Technology Week (SNCT). Expenses will be covered by EURAXESS Links Brazil (see below).

4. Candidates must show proficiency in English to be able to take part in any meeting with European Commission officers or any other related parties during the trip to Europe (prize of the competition).

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 on 25 October 2017 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 call with EURAXESS Brazil representatives. The call will be recorded to be compared to the other entries.

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](http://bit.ly/candidacy_EURAXESSScienceSlamBrazil) ([http://bit.ly/candidacy\\_EURAXESSScienceSlamBrazil](http://bit.ly/candidacy_EURAXESSScienceSlamBrazil)). A notification email confirming receipt will be sent within 5 working days.
4. Participants have the choice between: sending their video using online tools such as [WeTransfer](#) or any other; Sending the video via email directly to [brazil@euraxess.net](mailto:brazil@euraxess.net) or sending a link to the video hosted on any other platform of their choice.
5. Submissions are possible from **15 June to 15 September 2017**. No videos will be accepted once the number of posted videos reaches 100.

EURAXESS 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 2017
4. clearly state 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 25 October 2017

The online competition will be evaluated by the two EURAXESS Brazil Representatives and any other person they may consider relevant. Five finalists will be selected 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. The quality and scientific relevance of the research presented won't be evaluated.

Finalists will be notified by email. The selection will also be announced on the [EURAXESS Brazil website](#) and other online channels used by EURAXESS Brazil (these can include LinkedIn, Twitter, [Facebook](#) or any other social media as well as publications such as the EURAXESS Brazil flashnotes and 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 2017 to be held in Rio de Janeiro on 25 October 2017 during the National Science and Technology Week (SNCT). A return economy flight and hotel accommodation (2 nights) will be provided by EURAXESS Brazil for the finalists based outside Rio de Janeiro.

The 5 finalists will be presenting live in front of a non-expert audience composed of members of the research community and 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 6 minutes.
5. Presentations can be supported by video and audio material, Power point 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 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 Brazil) may reasonably require.

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

### ***III. Prize to be awarded to finalists***

The 5 finalists will be entitled to participate in a **workshop on scientific communication** to be held in Rio de Janeiro the day before the finals. The workshop will be given by professionals specialising in public/scientific presentations.

Finalists will also receive individual coaching before the finals in order to perfect their skills.

### ***IV. The first prize***

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

- A free round-trip to Europe in the European **spring of 2018 to visit the research institute of the winner's choice.**

EURAXESS will be assisting in arranging a meeting with one research organisation/institution of the winner's choice within the European Research Area and will finance the trip to this institute. However, EURAXESS cannot guarantee any meetings with a particular organisation or individual. If no meeting can be arranged, EURAXESS will not be held responsible.

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

1. The economy round-trip flight from the city where the winner is based, during the time in question to Europe to attend the meeting with the research institute chosen by the winner.
2. The costs for accommodation and food during the stay in the city where the institute is based.

The prize will **not be transferable** to another person.

### ***IV Intellectual property rights and disqualification***

By participating in this competition all participants **declare** that **they hold the intellectual property rights** to the research presented.

Abusive and derogatory entries will be disqualified.