

Rio Grande Research SLAM Judging Criteria

	Excellent		Good		Poor		SCORE:
Intellectual Significance: Did the speaker explain why her/his project matters? Was the motivation for the work clear?	5	4	3	2	1		
Intellectual Contribution: Was the significance of the postdoc's unique contribution clearly specified?	5	4	3	2	1		
Clarity: Did the speaker provide adequate background knowledge to make the talk and the importance of the project understandable? Was the talk organized and presented logically?	5	4	3	2	1		
Delivery: E.g., pace, enthusiasm, confidence, body language, eye contact, and vocal range.	5	4	3	2	1		
Visuals: Did the slide enhance the presentation and help to emphasize the primary points of the talk? Was the slide well designed, clear, legible, and concise?	5	4	3	2	1		
Engagement: To what extent did the talk appeal to your intellectual curiosity? This is the "WOW factor" of the presentation.	5	4	3	2	1		