

2018 RMAAPM MedPhys Slam Competition

Who: current Student, Junior, or Resident members of the AAPM.

What: MedPhys Slam is a research communication competition in which participants prepare a brief presentation to share the significance of their science in a compelling yet understandable manner. Each AAPM chapter is holding a similar preliminary competition to select a representative to participate in a live final competition at the 2018 AAPM Annual Meeting in Nashville. RMAAPM will provide financial assistance for our winning representative to attend the national competition!

Where: due to the geography of our region, RMAAPM will be using pre-recorded video for our chapter competition. Participants have 3 minutes to present their own original research using a maximum of 3 PowerPoint slides. Participants should film themselves giving their presentation and submit the video for judging.

When: all entries must be received by 5/25/18. RMAAPM will provide a diverse panel of judges that can assess the ability of participants to convey their research to a general audience. They will use the same judging criteria that STSC will be using for the final competition, which consists of 3 equally-weighted categories: comprehension/content, communication, and engagement. The winner will be announced at the RMAAPM Spring Meeting. Entries will be shown during the Spring Meeting in order to collect additional feedback from our members. The winner can use the feedback to improve their presentation for the final competition. However, participants need not be present at the RMAAPM Spring Meeting.

Why: researchers spend day in and day out investigating the minutia of their topics, yet, to market a product or themselves, the minutia must be understood by more than just the scientific community. It's all in the art of communication, and this is what MedPhys Slam aims to foster. The audience for our event is not medical physicists; it is a general audience that may have no background knowledge of the field. Final competition presentations will be recorded and may be posted on social media outlets like Facebook and YouTube. Not only will this be of interest to those within medical physics, it can be expanded as an AAPM media initiative aimed at communicating what we do to the public.

Please contact erica.kinsey@sclhs.net with questions or to submit your entry!

Fine print from AAPM:

- Eligibility:
 - As of the AAPM 2018 Annual Meeting, you must be a current Student, Junior, or Resident member of AAPM. Your presentation must be based on your own, original research.
- Visuals:
 - PowerPoint slides allowed but optional; no Prezi or other presentation formats
 - Maximum of 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 additional props (e.g. laser pointers, costumes, musical instruments, laboratory equipment) are permitted
- 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)
- Videotaping:
 - The 2018 AAPM MedPhys Slam live event will be photographed as well as videotaped. 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.