

# SURVIVING AND THRIVING IN GRADUATE SCHOOL

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# INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS

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- Following up on our discussion from last month, how are your Independent Development Plans coming along?
- What is causing you not to finish your plans?
- Remember to look at <http://graduatedivision.ucmerced.edu/GRC> for information about Individual Development Plans
- Working backwards from where you want to end up... what do you want to do? What does it take to get there?
- Turn in draft IDPs by next week for comment

# TIME MANAGEMENT

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- We talked last month about planners-what are you using? What tips are working for you that you can share with others?
- Remember to look at <http://graduatedivision.ucmerced.edu/GRC> for Time Management Strategies
- Look at National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity website and sign up for Monday Motivator emails - <http://www.facultydiversity.org>
- Now on to Dean Meza for Project Management Strategies

# GRADSLAM!

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- Written and oral communication skills are critical – one of the mechanisms the UCs have developed to help you develop your communication skills is GradSLAM! We want to see all of you participating in GradSLAM.
- I know you are just in your first year and your research isn't very well developed yet, but the point is **HOW** you communicate about your research, not having completed research findings. And the more you practice, the better you'll get, so we hope you will participate in GradSLAM every year.

# MODELS FOR GREAT SHORT RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

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- You can look at TED talks for examples of great public speaking, but in terms of short presentations of research, the best models are the system GradSLAM winners.
- Let's look at last year's winner... <https://gradslam.universityofcalifornia.edu>
- We've extended UC Merced's GradSlam registration for you – through Monday.
- Register at <http://graduatedivision.ucmerced.edu/gradslam>