

Example of the video upload for the Beamline's Breakthrough competition

We would like to see both you speaking and your slides for the video and suggest you follow these steps as the easiest approach:

What You'll Need

- Zoom (free version is enough)
 - Prepared slides (PowerPoint, Google Slides, PDF)
 - Webcam & microphone
 - Quiet, well-lit space
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Step 1: Set Up Zoom for Recording

1. Open **Zoom** (no need to start a meeting with others — you'll record solo).
 2. Click "**New Meeting**".
 3. Make sure **your camera and mic are ON**.
 4. Click the **up arrow** next to the video icon → choose the correct webcam.
 5. Test your microphone if needed under **Audio Settings**.
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Step 2: Share Your Slides

1. Click "**Share Screen**".
2. Select your slides (PowerPoint or browser with Google Slides).
3. Check the box "**Share sound**" (if you have audio or video in slides).
4. Click "**Share**".

Your slides now fill the screen, and you appear in a small video box in the corner (this is called "active speaker mode").

Step 3: Adjust Your View

1. Hover over your video window (your face).
 2. Click and **drag** it to any corner (usually **top-right** or **bottom-right** is best).
 3. **Resize it** by dragging from the corners to make yourself more visible (but not covering slide content).
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Step 4: Record Your Presentation

1. Click **"Record"** (bottom of the screen).
 2. Deliver your pitch **clearly and confidently**, progressing through slides as you speak.
 - Use keyboard arrows or mouse to move through slides.
 3. When done, click **"Stop Recording"** → then **End Meeting**.
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Step 5: Access Your Video File

- Zoom will **automatically convert** the recording and save it.
 - You'll find the file in your **Zoom folder**, usually here:
 - **Windows:** Documents > Zoom
 - **Mac:** Documents > Zoom
 - The video is in **.mp4 format**, ready to upload to YouTube.
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Step 6: Upload to YouTube

1. Go to [YouTube Studio](#)
2. Click **"Create"** → **"Upload video"**
3. Fill in:
 - **Title** (project/team name)
 - **Description**
 - Thumbnail (optional)
4. Choose visibility: **Public**, **Unlisted**, or **Private**
5. Click **Publish**