

# HIRAKU 3MT Competition 2018

## Guideline for Applicants (Japanese/English Sections)

### 1. What's HIRAKU 3MT Competition?

HIRAKU 3MT Competition is exciting opportunity for Ph.D. students to effectively explain their research in limited three minutes, in a language appropriate to a non-specialist audience. It aims to develop their presentation and research communication skills, while expecting broader society as audience to deepen positive understanding in doctorate resources/researches.

**Date & Time:** Saturday, September 15, 2018 10:30 - 17:00  
**Venue:** Higashi Hiroshima Arts & Culture Hall (Kurara)  
 7-19, Saijo Sakaemachi, Higashihiroshi, 739-0015  
 Followed by Social Gathering Session from 17:30  
 at the Café “Soraoto” in Kurara (subject to change)  
 (Participation Fee: approx. 2,500yen per student)



**Leading-Host:** “Home for Innovative Researchers and Academic Knowledge Users (HIRAKU)” under the Building of Consortia for the Development of Human Resources and Science and Technology

**Co-Host:** Global Science Campus Hiroshima, Hiroshima University Organization of the Leading Graduate Education Program (“Phoenix Leader Education Program for Renaissance from Radiation Disaster” and “TAOYAKA PROGRAM for creating a flexible, enduring, peaceful society”)

**Special Sponsors:** Otsuka Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd., Kyowa Hakko Bio Co., Ltd., Springer Japan KK (Springer Nature), Chugai Technos Corporation, TODA KOGYO CORP., IBM Japan, Ltd., The Japan Steel Works, Ltd. and Mazda Motor Corporation

**Sponsors:** NH Foods Ltd. R&D Center, Hiroshima Prefectural Board of Education, Toastmasters International

**Audience:** Open to public (expecting to have high-school students as a part of audience)

**Number of Presenters:** Approximately 15 presenters for Japanese Section / 15 presenters for English Section

(You can apply to both, but 3MT Operating Office will choose the section you would present depending on the number of applicants. We might have pre-screening in case of excessive number of applicants.)

### Time Table of the Program:

Time	Program
9:30-9:45	Reception
9:45-10:00	Briefing Session for Presenters
10:30-10:40	Opening Remarks
10:45-11:00	Research Frontline to Create our Future!
11:00-12:00	“Create your Future in Three Minutes! Presentation (Japanese Section)”
12:00-13:00	Lunch Break (Presenters will be having lunch together for networking purpose. Each can bring his/her own lunch box or can preorder at 1,000yen)
13:00-13:30	Keynote Lecture
13:30-14:30	“Create your Future in Three Minutes! Presentation (English Section)”
14:30-15:30	[Concurrent Event] “Create your Future with One piece of Paper! Poster Session” (Join the session as judges for poster presentations by high-school students)
15:30-16:00	Speech Workshop

16:00-16:55	Awards Ceremony
16:55	Closing Remarks

The program is subject to change.

## 2. Registration for Entry

**Due June 29, 2018 (FRI)**

Please send e-mail with “HIRAKU 3MT Competition 2018 Application” in the Subject Title and the following information in the e-mail contents, to **the respective contact office in charge at each university\*** by **noon Friday, June 29, 2018**; (1) Name of University, Graduate School Name, Research Department (2) School Year (3) Name (4) Phone Number and (5) Section to Apply (Japanese or English), (6) Presentation Title\*. Application procedure may differ by university.

\*As to (6) Presentation Title, make it easy for public audience (including high school students) to get some clues about your presentation. Make it within 25 letters in Japanese, 12 words in English. If you want to change the title after your initial submission, please inform the 3MT Operating Office staff at the pre-training session on August 10<sup>th</sup>.

\*Presentation training sessions will be held at Hiroshima University in mid-June. It'll be video-taped for further distribution to the rest of universities. Check the below URL for more details.

### **【Contact Offices / Pre-Training Details】**

[http://home.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/hiraku/event/competition\\_2018/](http://home.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/hiraku/event/competition_2018/)

### **【Pre-Screening】**

Pre-screening might be conducted per university in case of excessive number of applicants. List of presenters on September 15<sup>th</sup> will be finalized by Friday, July 31, 2018 and notified directly by HIRAKU 3MT Operating Office.

For those applied to both Japanese and English sections, it will be announced together with the above, which section to present at the competition.

## 3. Upcoming Schedule



### **(1) PR (Self-Promotion Message) & Research Description Entry in HIRAKU-PF**

**Due August 6, 2018 (MON)**

We need your photo, Self-Promotion (PR) message and your research description, for the leaflet distributed to the audience at the competition. Please upload/enter the data within the system “Young Researchers’ Portfolio (HIRAKU-PF)” to meet the below conditions. Refer to the attached “別紙 1 (Appendix1) 2016年大会発表者参考資料\_2016 Winner Ref.pdf”. Please be noted that applicants to English section are required to submit your Self-Promotion message in Japanese for the sake of public audience. Research Summary can be submitted in English.

Entry Item	Description	Conditions
Profile Photo	Upload your profile photograph in the ePortfolio	over W228 x H300 pixels in JPEG format

Self-Promotion Message	Please briefly describe your future objectives, strengths, preference at research, etc.	300 letters in <u>Japanese</u> regardless of the section to present.
Research Summary	Please make it easy & brief for public audience (including high school students) to understand.	Within 500 letters in Japanese for Japanese Section / 250 words in English for English Section

HIRAKU 3MT Office will create a bulletin board group in HIRAKU-PF and inform you of the group title via e-mail. Please log in to the system to check the designated bulletin board group. Refer to the “Appendix 2\_HIRAKU-PF User Guide.pdf” to know how to create a new account and how to upload the above data.

### 【What’s HIRAKU-PF?】

**HIRAKU-PF** is a core IT system of the consortium, “Home for Innovative Researchers and Academic Knowledge Users (or HIRAKU)”. It aims to nourish young researchers to maximize their potentials, build network beyond academia and expand their future opportunities.

For those who have entered the doctorate course at Hiroshima University on or after April 2017, you have been already granted the HIRAKU-PF access. If you forget about your password, please contact [hiraku3m@hiroshima-u.ac.jp](mailto:hiraku3m@hiroshima-u.ac.jp)



←Click the left banner or below URL to access  
HIRAKU PF: <https://hiraku.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/login>

## (2) Attend Pre-Training

### i) HIRAKU Pre-Training (Mandatory)

**August 10, 2018 (FRI)**

#### 【Date & Venue】

Date : Friday, August 10, 2018 14:00-17:00 (subject to change)

Venue :

(Hiroshima Site) Student Plaza 4F Meeting Room #1&2, Higashi Hiroshima Campus,  
Hiroshima University

(Yamaguchi Site) Tele-Conference Room, Media and Information Technology Center,  
Yamaguchi University (Each Campus)

(Tokushima Site) Nichia Hall, Industry-Government-Academia Collaboration Plaza  
(Regional Cooperation Plaza) 3F, Josanjima Campus, Tokushima University

#### 【Description】

- ✓ Training will be conducted in a workshop style, live-streamed at the above three sites via tele-conference system.
- ✓ In case you cannot attend the pre-training program due to unavoidable circumstances, please make sure to notify HIRAKU 3MT Office ([hiraku3m@hiroshima-u.ac.jp](mailto:hiraku3m@hiroshima-u.ac.jp)) **in advance**. We will ask you to take a follow-up training to be conducted via e-mail, etc.
- ✓ We will hold a gathering session after the pre-training. Highly encouraged to attend it.

#### 【Commuting Expenses】

Commuting expenses will be reimbursed to those applicable based on the below table 1. Please join the pre-training at the site, most close to (or within) your campus.

Table 1 (Commuting Sites)			Expense reimbursable?
University	From	To	
Other universities than the below-three	Each campus	Hiroshima/Yamaguchi/Tokushima Site	Yes
Hiroshima Univ.	Kasumi/Higashi-Senda Campus	Hiroshima Site at Higashi-Hiroshima Campus	Yes
Yamaguchi Univ.	Other Campus than the Hosting Site Campus	Hosting Campus of Yamaguchi Site (TBD)	No (Office staffs will pick up/send back trainees b/w sites)
Tokushima Univ.	Kuramoto Campus	Tokushima Site at Josanjima Campus	No

## ii) Speech Training by Toastmasters Club (Optional)

You can take the speech training for free by Toastmasters Club, non-profit organization developing public speaking and leadership skills through practice and feedback with 350,000 memberships in 141 countries (<http://www.district76.org/ja/>). You can join their activities at your nearest club for free once in July-September before the Competition. We would recommend this opportunity to those who want to receive feedback to your presentation from people in public. You need to pay any commuting expenses yourself to get the venue. Training method could differ by respective clubs at each region.

### 【How to apply】

Pick up a club you want to visit from the list ([http://district76.org/ja/list\\_of\\_all\\_clubs/](http://district76.org/ja/list_of_all_clubs/)), click "Contact US" under the Main Menu and send your request message as follows:

"I am a contestant at the competition introduced here ([http://district76.org/ja/3mt\\_competition/](http://district76.org/ja/3mt_competition/)). I would like to visit your club to receive your feedback to my presentation. Thank you very much for your cooperation in advance."

## (3) Submit finalized presentation slide

**Due August 31, 2018 (FRI)**

Please submit your presentation slide (a single PDF slide in A4 landscape format) in the HIRAKU-PF bulletin board group created in the above step (2)-ii) by the above due date.

When you create a presentation slide, please make sure to check intellectual property rights or any other legal rights of other parties and properly indicate the source as necessary.

You shall not be allowed to replace your slide after the due date in principle.

## (4) HIRAKU 3MT Competition 2017

**September 15, 2018 (SAT)**

### i) Time & Venue

[Meeting Time] 9:30a.m. Saturday, September 15, 2018  
[Meeting Venue] Lobby Hall, Higashi Hiroshima Arts & Culture Hall

### ii) Commuting Expenses

Presenters will receive commuting expenses based on the rules of Hiroshima University. We will separately contact you if you are applicable to receive commuting expenses, etc. at the pre-training on August 10.

### iii) Rules of the Presentation

Here are the 3MT competition rules:

- A single static PowerPoint slide is permitted. No slide transitions, animations or 'movement' of any description are allowed. The slide is to be presented from the beginning of the oration.
- No additional electronic media (e.g. sound and video files) are permitted.
- No additional props (e.g. costumes, musical instruments, laboratory equipment) are permitted.
- Take necessary care of intellectual property rights or any other legal rights of other parties to create a presentation slide. The source/attribution needs to be clearly indicated as necessary.
- Presentations are limited to 3 minutes maximum and competitors exceeding 3 minutes are disqualified.
- Presentations are to be spoken word (e.g. no poems, raps or songs).
- Presentations are to commence from the stage.
- Presentations are considered to have commenced when a presenter starts their presentation through either movement or speech.

(Reference)

You can check historical winning presentations for your reference.

- HIRAKU 3MT Competition Winners' Presentations  
(2016) [http://home.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/hiraku/en/event\\_fy2016/competition\\_2016\\_en/report/](http://home.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/hiraku/en/event_fy2016/competition_2016_en/report/)  
(2015) [http://home.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/hiraku/en/event\\_fy2015/competition\\_2015/report/](http://home.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/hiraku/en/event_fy2015/competition_2015/report/)
- Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) Winners' Presentations  
<https://threeminutethesis.uq.edu.au/watch-3mt>

#### iv) Judge and Awards

##### (a) Judging Panel

Judging Panel consists of each President of Hiroshima University, Yamaguchi University, Tokushima University (or deputy officials), representatives from special sponsors, etc., who will determine winners of each Award listed in iv)-(c), following the Judging Criteria described in iv)-(b). People's Choice Award winner will be determined by audience' vote and certified by the Judging Panel.

##### (b) Judging Criteria

Audience will cast a vote to one of the presenters, judging from the following criteria.

- Did the presentation provide the future vision and significance of the research to have the audience agree to them?
- Did the research description attract and excite the audience?
- Were the research outcomes new and surprising?
- Was the presentation easy enough for the non-specialist audience to follow?

Note: Judging Panel will take into consideration all other perspectives than described above. (E.g. Did the presentation follow a clear and logical sequence? Was it well-balanced as a whole? Was the presentation slide effectively used to create synergy?)

##### (c) Awards

We are planning to finalize Winner, Runner-up and People' Choice, as well as recipients of HIRAKU President Award, Global Challenge Award, and Sponsor Awards (Otsuka Award, Kyowa Hakko Bio Award, Springer Nature Award, Chugai Technos Award, TODA KOGYO Award, IBM Award, JSW Award, Mazda Award).

- ✓ We will be sending the Global Challenge Award recipient to the 2018 Asia-Pacific 3MT Finals (3MT®) to be held in Australia.
- ✓ We are planning to finalize recipients of each award per section (Japanese and English), but we may combine the two sections for some awards.

- ✓ Rest of presenters will be receiving the Challenge Award (or Participation Award).

**(d) Prizes and Sub-Prizes**

Each Award recipient will be given a respective certificate, prize and sub-prize. Sub-prizes may include Labo-tour, Internship Program, Foreign Language Training, etc. Please fully leverage the opportunity to improve your communication and presentation skills, to develop your knowledge/competencies as well as to expand your network.

**4. Other Points of Attention**

**(1) Treatment of your Personal Information**

Personal information collected through your registration/application process shall be handled properly within the scope of the purposes of utilization set forth in the privacy policy or Rule concerning the handling of Hiroshima University Personal Information. (URL only in Japanese: <http://home.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/~houki/reiki/act/frame/frame110000027.htm>) HIRAKU 3MT Office will take measures necessary to prevent leak or loss of or damage to collected information and shall otherwise manage such information properly.

We shall use the collected information to communicate with applicants regarding their registration/application, to publicize the presenters' information in our official websites or brochures/other materials to be distributed at the competition, to conduct smooth operation of the HIRAKU 3MT Competition including screening, presentation and judge of the day, as well as to send you information about the HIRAKU events or seminars, etc. in the future.

Please be kindly noted that a Sponsor Award recipient might be directly contacted by the sponsor, based on the contact information given by HIRAKU 3MT Office.

**(2) Live-Streaming & Web-Publication of Movies & Photographs**

Please be aware that we are planning to take movies and photographs during the competition and live-stream the data online. We will be also publicizing the image/movie data later on in our websites, etc.

**(3) Other Remarks**

We may anticipate kind cooperation from the presenters to develop future HIRAKU 3MT Competitions as well as the other HIRAKU programs.

**5. Inquiries/Contacts**

HIRAKU 3MT Operating Office (or HIRAKU Operating Council Office)

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[NOTE] The above address is different from what has been displayed on the ad-poster.